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SATURDAY, 2 P.M.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	1900.
M.L. EGYPT	7912	C. F. Preston	8th Sept.
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	15th ,,
M.L. ARABIA	7393	J. L. Parfitt	22nd ,,
* PENINSULAR	6267	W. A. Wheler	29th ,,
M.L. PARRAMATTA	4886	A. Symons	6th Oct.
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	13th ,,
M.L. CALEDONIA	7588	E. H. Gorden	20th ,,
* PENINSULAR	6267	W. A. Wheler	27th ,,
M.L. CHINA	7912	T. S. Angus	3rd Nov.
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	10th ,,
M.L. EGYPT	7912	C. F. Preston	17th ,,
* PENINSULAR	6247	W. A. Wheler	24th ,,

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F. RITCHIE,
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Bombay, 30th August, 1900.

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UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

TO TRIESTE DIRECT VIA ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

Steamer	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on
IMPERATOR	G. Klausberger	4,119	1st Oct., 1900.
IMPERATRIX	G. Nicolich	4,149	1st Nov., 1900.
IMPERATOR	G. Klausberger	4,119	1st Dec. 1900.

PASSAGE MONEY.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
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Steamer.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail
FRANZ FERDINAND	G. Costanzo	6,043	in Sept., 1900.
GISELA	F. Mosca	4,253	in Jan., 1901.

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	Saloon.	Deck.
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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
SILESIA	P. Craglietto	5,159	25th Sep. 1900.

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Sassoon House, 52, Church Gate Street, Bombay, 1, Sept., 1900

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TO MARSEILLES.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on THURSDAY.
YARRA	4,219	Schmitz	27th Sept., 1900.
INDUS	6,357	Duchatean	25th Oct., 1900.
SYDNEY	4,232	Allegre	22nd Nov., 1900.

TO COLOMBO, SINGAPORE, JAVA, SAIGON TONQUIN, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

S. S. "SYDNEY," 4,232 tons, Captain Allegre, to sail on or about the 19th September, 1900.

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FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF

S. S. "KILWA," 1,552 tons, at 10 a.m., on the 13th September, calling at Kurrachee, Muscat, Jask, Bunder Abbas, Linga, Bahrein, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah and Busreh, in the foregoing or any order (weather permitting).

FOR ADEN, MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, AND LAMU.

S. S. "CANARA," 1,902 tons, on or about 4th October.

FOR MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR AND SEYCHELLES.

S. S. "SCINDIA," 2,729 tons, on or about 15th September.

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Rs. 12 lakhs.

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W. L. HARVEY,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Commissioner's Office, Bombay, 5th September, 1900.

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THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at 2 p.m, Messrs CRAWFORD & Co, are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Watson's Building, Church Gate Street, Fort, by order of the concerned, the following fancy goods consisting of Bohemian glass flower vases, flower holders, and centre pieces, ladies' and gents' dressing bags, onyx marble gilt teapoys, fancy glassware, English and American plated ware, carriage clocks, and time-pieces, race game, etc.
Catalogues are ready, and the goods are on view.
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TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at 1 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD AND Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 29 Forbes Street, Fort, opposite the Offices of Messrs Greaves Cotton and Co. teakwood house hold furniture, glassware and crockery, electroplate double entry dishes, cases of fruit and fish knives and forks, banjo Rippingelles large size stove, fret machine, single and double iron bedsteads with wire mattresses, etc, the property of Mrs. J. Dickinson.
The above is on view.
WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.
On MONDAY, the 10th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following :—
Furniture such as cupboards, tables, chairs, writing, dressing and wash-hand tables, book and hat stands, drawing-room sofas and chairs, wire mattresses, a lot of wearing apparel.
1 fire resisting Millner's patent safe, with duplicats keys, 28 by 22 by 22 inches, on teak stand.
1 Dentist's chair covered with purple velvet
1 Kodak camera, 5 by 4 for one hundred films, photographic burnisher, print and plate washer.
1 lot 38½, 303, 450 bore cartridges.
On account of the concerned :—
2 Bales woollen blankets and seal rugs.
AT 2 P.M.
A few lady's and gent's pneumatic bicycles such as Elma and others.
1 second-hand victoria, in good order.
1 office shigram,
1 glass fronted circular brougham,
1 strong made mail phaeton.
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.
SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES AT OLD HANOOMAN LANE.
Under instructions of the mortgagee and on account and at the risk of Thacker Goverdhan Pitamber, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of September at 4 p. m. sell upon the premises by Public Auction the property described in the particulars below :—
Firstly :—All that piece or parcel of land or ground, with the messuages, tenement, or dwelling houses and chawls or range of buildings standing thereon, situate on the south side of the Old Hanooman Lane, within the sub-registration district of Bombay, in the Town and Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1,076 square yards or there abouts, and bounded on the east by the property of Hurgovin Chutioo, on the west partly by the property formerly of Trimbuck Raghoba but now of Purshotum Govindjee, and partly by the property of Nerrotumdass Narrondas, on the north partly by the said Old Hanooman Lane, partly by the house of Dwarkadass Vussonjee, and partly by the house secondly hereinafter described and on the south by the property formerly of Raghoonath Seeram Josey and now of Narron Mooljee, and which said premises are registered in the books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes formerly under Nos. 10 10A 13 and 13A, but now under Street Nos 114 116 124 126 128 and 130, and were formerly and are now in the occupation of the tenents of the said Thucker Goverdhan Pitamber
Secondly :—All that piece or parcel of land or ground, with the messuage, tenement, or dwelling house standing thereon, situate on the south side of the Old Hanooman Street, within the subdistrict of Mandvie, in the Town and Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 254 square yards and 8 9 of a square yard or thereabouts, and bounded on the east by the house of Bwarkadass Vussonjee, on the west and south by the first described property, and on the north by the said Old Hanooman Street and which said premises are registered in the

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BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

DEBENTURE LOAN, 1900.

WITH the Sanction of the Government of India and under the provisions of Sections 39-42 of the Bombay Port Trust Act, 1879, and of Sections 2 of Act I of 1881, and of Act 1 of 1899, the Trustees of the Port of Bombay invite Tenders for Port Trust Debentures to the extent in the aggregate of Rs. 12-2 Lakhs.

The Trustees reserve to themselves the right of refusing Tenders if they consider the rates offered to be too low, but, subject to this reservation, allotments will be made in full to the highest Tenderers, and rateably to the Tenderers offering the lowest rate accepted by the Trustees.

These Debentures will be issued for sums of Rs. 500 or multiples of Rs. 500, as may be required; they will be repayable to holder in thirty years, and will bear interest at 4 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly.

2 per cent. of the amount tendered must be deposited on application,

and the balance on or before WEDNESDAY, 31st October, 1900. Interest will accrue from the date of payment.

The deposit of 2 per cent. will be returned if no allotment is made, and it will be forfeited if an allotment is not fully taken up on the last date named.

Tenders will be received by the Secretary, Port Trust, up to one o'clock p.m. (gun fired on Wednesday, 26th September 1900, and they will thereafter be opened in the presence of the Chairman of the Port Trust.

Printed forms of Tender can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Port Trust.

Under Clause 41 of the Port Trust Act, 1879, the interest on these Debentures will form a charge on the Trustees revenue "prior" to the charge of interest on any portion of the Trustees debt to Government which may, from time to time, be owing.

By order of the Trustees,
F. G. DUMAYNE,
Secretary.

Bombay, 4th September 1900.

DEBENTURE LOAN, 1900.

FORM OF TENDER.

I.....
hereby tender for Rupees.....
of Bombay Port Trust Debentures, and agree to pay for the same, subject to the conditions advertised, at the rate of Rupees.....
Annas.....for every Hundred Rupees allotted to me.

I enclose Rupees.....
and engage, if my offer be accepted, to pay to the account of the Trustees at the Bank of Bombay the balance of the allotment on or before the 31st October, 1900.

I require the amount in.....each.

(Signature).....

(Address).....

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THREE PRIZES, AGGREGATING Rs. 105,

Will be given away this month to

NEW SUBSCRIBERS only.

1st Prize, Rs. 60; 2nd Prize, Rs. 30; 3rd Prize, Rs. 15.

BELOW ARE GIVEN SIX PUZZLE WORDS:—

1. M*S*O*.
2. B*R*I*.
3. C*P*N*A*E*.
4. L*V*R*O*L.
5. *O*D*N.
6. M*R*E*L*E*.

CONDITIONS:

FILL in the Stars in the Puzzle words (one letter for each star) to represent six principal towns in Europe. Write those you find out on a sheet of paper placing the respective number to each, and post it, together with your money order for Rs. 2-8, being the half year's subscription to the "Indian Tit-Bits." (otherwise no notice will be taken), enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for reply, to the "Indian Tit-Bits" Office, 180, Dhurrumtolla Street, Calcutta. Please quote number of money order to avoid confusion.

The one that will fill in the whole six puzzle words correctly will get Rs. 60; five, Rs. 30; and four, Rs. 15; no Prize will be awarded for less than four.

Should more than one fill in the words correctly the prizes will be divided.

Competitors can only send in one attempt, thus giving every one the same chance.

Intending subscribers during this month will not only get their paper for six months, but will have besides the chance of winning one of the handsome prizes named above for the mere trifle.

We are simply giving away the prizes to popularize the T. T. B.

Intending subscribers should send in their Competitions to reach us not later than Saturday, the 15th of September, 1900

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 46m. Sun sets, 6h. 9m. High water, 9-53m., 9-59s. Low water, 3-6m., 3-52s.
Music on the Esplanade, 5-45 p.m. (weather permitting).

FORT GRATUITOUS DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated during the last month was 2,910, daily average, 94; total of new admissions, 1,450;—Parsis 783, Hindus 489, and other castes 178. The number of children vaccinated was 58.

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.—The result of the Departmental Examination held last July in the Customs House has been gazetted. It will be seen that Mr. Framroz Dhunjeeshah Lalcaca has passed his examination with credit standing first. He is at present an appraiser in the Prince's Dock Custom House.

ROBBED WHILE ASLEEP.—Lalbux Hajl Hoosein, a Mekrani, farrived in Bombay with fifteen others on the evening of the 3rd instant and went to sleep under the porch of the Municipal Offices. When he awoke next morning at 2 o'clock, he discovered his purse, containing Rs. 100, had been stolen from his person. This appears to be the work of some "maidan loochas."

MUSIC AT THE ESPLANADE BAND STAND.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Indian Marine Battalion will play the following programme, under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, band-master, commencing at 5 p.m. (weather permitting):—

March	Under the Double Eagle—Wagner
Overture	Tancredi—Rossini
Selection	Nabucco—Verdi
Valse	Fusionen—Strauss
Reminiscences of	Scotland—Godfrey
Galop	The Cyclist—Kupler

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

KILLED BY A HACK VICTORIA.—Mr. P. Byrne, deputy coroner, held an inquiry yesterday morning at the J. J. Hospital, regarding the death of Deobai, a Hindu girl, aged about two years. On Wednesday afternoon, the child with its mother was sitting at the corner of Erskine Road and Gogari Street, when a hack victoria, driven by Valli Vazier, came up and knocked the deceased down, and one of the front wheels passed over her. The child was placed in the same gharry and conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where it died shortly after admission. There is no footpath at the corner, which at the time of the accident was crowded by mendicants. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

A DANGEROUS SHIP'S CARPENTER.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. W. Webb, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Walton of the Dock Police, charged P. Christianson, a carpenter on board the steam-ship Mashona, with having committed an assault on Mr. Chambers, the chief officer of that steamer. On the 13th ultimo the chief officer went to the accused to give him some work, but found the latter drunk and boisterous. Accused was locked up in his room but managed to get out and with an axe in his hand threatened to do injury to the chief officer. While attempting to assault another officer of the ship he was overpowered and put into irons. Accused pleaded drunkenness. He was fined Rs. 20 or in default to undergo imprisonment for a fortnight.

THEFT AT AN OFFICERS' MESS.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. W. Webb, Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Constable Mann charged S. C. Pereira, a butler, employed in the Officers' Mess of the 1st Norfolk Regiment, stationed at Colaba, with theft of a glass tumbler, valued at Rs. 2. A report was made on the 4th instant by Sergeant G. S. Clarke to the police officer that a silver spoon belonging to the Mess had been missing and search was made for the stolen article. The tumbler in question was found wrapped up in accused's box. Accused in his defence said that it was customary for him to keep glass-wares belonging to the Mess in his possession. The magistrate convicted him of the theft and fined him Rs. 20, with the alternative of a fortnight's rigorous imprisonment.

FRAUDULENT TRAVELLING ON RAILWAYS.—Yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon, Mr. W. Chas. Lewis, travelling ticket inspector of the G. I. P. Railway, charged five persons for fraudulently travelling over the line as follows:—Abdool Goolam Shaik Sahib, a milkman of Coorla, and Premji Kewal, a bania of Matoonga, for being without tickets; Maneckial Itcharam, for travelling to Byculla from Coorla, on a Sion to Byculla ticket; Visram Issoo, a pressman, for travelling on an expired season ticket; and Tookaram Yessoo, for attempting to travel to Coorla from Mazagon, on a Byculla to Coorla season ticket. The first two not answering to their summonses application for a warrant of arrest was made for in each case, and granted by the magistrate. The others were fined Rs. 5, 3, and 8 respectively and ordered to pay the railway charges in addition.

CHARGE OF KIDNAPPING A MINOR.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Acting Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court yesterday, Luximon Oomed, a dhobie, was charged with kidnapping Sukhi, a girl, aged fourteen, from the lawful guardianship of her mother. On the morning of the 18th August last, the girl in company of her mother went to Dhobie Ghaut, at Byculla, to wash clothes. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon she left the Ghaut, telling her mother, that she was going home for her meals. The mother waited for the girl at the Ghaut for some hours and then finding that she had not yet turned up, proceeded home, and there discovered the girl had disappeared with her clothes. The mother made inquiries and learnt from a nieghbour that her daughter had left the house along with the accused. The matter was reported to the police and it was subsequently ascertained that the accused had absconded to Mhow, taking the girl with him. He returned to Bombay about a week after and was arrested by the police. The accused in his defence said that he was induced by the girl to take her away to Mhow. He was willing to marry her. The magistrate in disposing of the case remarked that accused, as an atonement of his guilt, had promised to marry the girl, and taking that circumstance into consideration, his worship dealt leniently with him. He sentenced the accused to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

DAMAUN NEWS.—On Saturday there were two deaths at Lower Damaun both due to starvation. On Sunday and Monday Lower Damaun presented a clean mortality bill. On Tuesday there were three deaths all attributed to starvation. It is reported that plague has re-appeared at Upper Damaun in places which had been visited by it previously. It is hoped that the authorities will bring into form the measures adopted by the Plague Commissioner, Dr. Viriato Pinto, in order to check its spread.—The Health Officer is again ordered to remove his office and the Government dispensary to the Government School at Lower Damaun. It is probably intended to remove the difficulties experienced by people in obtaining medicines, now that the dispensaries, under the rules of Goa Medical Board cannot be maintained by doctors.—In view of there being no abatement in the number and distress of the famine sufferers, owing to the recent influx from the Nazar Haveli district, the committee of the Damaun Famine Relief Fund has been obliged to apply for further aid from the America-Indian Famine Relief Fund, both in money and blankets. The Damaun committee gratefully acknowledge that with the aid they received from the American committee, they were able to give relief to 10,000 sufferers.—The recent floods and high tide washed away a large portion of the end of the main road leading to the creek and besides putting passengers to considerable inconvenience, the road became dangerous. The fact being brought to the notice of Mr. Piexoto, the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, he caused his staff to repair the road, and it is now hoped that the repairs are substantial enough to withstand for a long time the force of the floods and high tides during monsoon.

CRICKET.

YOUNG HINDUS C. C. VS. HINDU GYMKHANA.

THIS match will be played on Saturday on the Gymkhana ground, commencing from 2 p.m. precisely. The following players will represent the Young Hindus:—Messrs. Talpade (sr.), Talpade (jr.), Pal (sr.), Pal (jr.), Jadhav, Kirtikar, Dandekar, Dev, Joglekar, Parab, and B. Wamanrao.

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PUBLIC COMPANIES IN BOMBAY.

THE Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Bombay, has sent in to Government the following report for the past year:—

The number of documents of all descriptions, inclsive of 14 returns registered during the year under report, was 1,408 against 1,514, and the fee collections amounted to Rs. 16,583-8-0 against Rs. 36,569 in the year preceding. It will be observed that though the number of documents and the amount of fee collections do not compare favourably with the results of the year immediately preceding, which was the most exceptional year since the establishment of this department, yet they compare favourably with the results of the previous years save the fee collections for the years 1874-75 and 1895-96 to 1897-98. Considering the unfavourable times due to famine and plague which has spread all over the presidency and depressed the general industry in almost all its branches, the operations of the year under report should be considered satisfactory.

The following is the list of the new companies registered during the year:—

1. Kathiawar Co-operative Society Limited
2. Gujarat Stamp Life Assurance Company Limited
3. Ahmedabad Nitisagar Friendly Society Limited
4. Bechurdas G Life Assurance Company Limited
5. Ratnagar Assurance Company Limited
6. Maneck Chowk Friendly Society of Ahmedabad Limited
7. Dhanjibhoy Tricumlal and Company Limited
8. Kaira Bankot Sarva Sukhdayak Death Beneficial Society Limited
9. Pioneer Life Assurance Society Limited
10. Shri Mahalaxmi Sukhsagar Provident Society Limited
11. Westralia Mount Morgans Syndicate Limited
12. Kaira Somnath Beneficial Provident Society Limited
13. Anand Jaya Provident Society Limited
14. India Cattle Breeding and Agricultural Company Limited
15. Gujarat Agricultural Banking and Agency Company Limited
16. Trimbuck Life Assurance Company Limited
17. Ahmedabad New Grade Death Benefit Fund Limited
18. Commercial Co-operative Society Limited
19. Jaggannath Life Assurance Company Limited
20. Kalupur Mutual Life Assurance Company Limited
21. Dholka Swadesh Vijaya Fund Limited
22. General Life Assurance Company Limited
23. Mahudha Lakshmi Vijaya Friendly Society Limited
24. Lashkari Life Assurance Company Limited
25. Indu-Prakash Joint Stock Company Limited
26. Great Britain Life Assurance Company Limited
27. Hurl Hur Mills Company Limited
28. Syndicate of Commerce Limited
29. Bhragupur Universal Mutual Life Assurance Fund Limited
30. Victoria Mutual Death Benefit Fund Limited
31. Broach Life Assurance Fund Limited
32. Deccan Banking and Agency Corporation Limited
33. Ahmedabad Lakshmi Prakash Provident Society Limited
34. Ahmedabad Khetiwadi Company Limited
35. Shri Amod Sarvajanik Hitwardhak Mandali Limited
36. Jairam Mils Limited
37. Ishwar Cotton Ginning and Pressing Company Limited
38. Tapti Mills Limited
39. Surat Agricultural Water-Supply Company Limited
40. National Provident Society Limited
41. Sind Trading Company Limited
42. Bombay and Central India Mutoscope Company Limited
43. Indian Land Company Limited
44. Gujarat Cattle Preservation Company, Limited.

Of the above 44 companies, 28 are Banking, Loan and Insurance Companies, 6 Trading Companies, 4 Mills and Presses, 2 Planting Companies, 1 Mining and Quarrying, and 3 Others. Of the 28 Banking Loan and Insurance Companies, 25 have no capital divided into shares. One Banking Loan and Insurance Company registered during the year went into liquidation before the close of the year.

The number of new companies registered during the year under report was 44 against 129 in the year preceeding, showing a decrease of 85 and is chiefly due to the fall in the Provident Societies, which fell from 104 in the year previous to 25 in the year under report. The decrease in the number of new companies is due partly to the depression in the general industry, espe cially the Mill industry, owing to the failure of the cotton crop and the overproduction of yarn which has compelled the millowners either close them or work short hours, and partly to the fact that the unduly large number of Provident Societies started in the province of Gujarat and whose operations were not so successful as anticipated, chiefly owing to the intervention of the famine, did not leave sufficient scope and inducement for the formation of an equally large number of such companies during the year under report.

From the foregoing statement it will be observed that there is a decrease of 116 documents. The decrease under the third and fourth heads is due to the smaller number of new companies registered during the year as explained in paragraph 5 above.

The following is a comparative statement illustrating the various heads under which fees were realized in each of the two years 1898-99 and 1900-1900;—

Particulars of fees realized.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
For registration of new companies	23190	8225 0	....	14965 0
For Granting certificates of registry	337	159 0	....	228 0
For Registering Special Resolutions for increase of Capital & Members..	6558	1529 0	.....	5029 0
For Registering other documents	6355	6545 0	190 0	.....
For Searches & Inspections	40	51 0	11 0	.....
For Copies	35	66 8	31 8	.....
For Producing papers in Court	4	8 0	4 0	.....
	36569	16583 8	236 8	20222 0
			Deduct Increase ...	236 8
			Net Decrease ...	19985 8

From the foregoing statement it will be observed that the receipts have decreased under 3 and increased under 4 heads. The increase under 4 heads being small calls for no explanation. The decrease under 3 heads is due to the causes explained above.

The expenditure incurred during the year under report was Rs.1,103-6-9 against Rs. 1,074-6-0 in the year preceding, showing an increase of Rs. 89-0-9, which was mainly due to the travelling allowance and other charges incurred in connection with the prosecution against the Provident Societies.

The following is a comparative statement showing the financial results for the years 1898-1899 and 1899-1900:—

	1898-1899. Rs. a. p.	1899-1900. Rs. a. p.
Receipts	36569 0 0	16583 8 0
Expenditure	1074 6 0	1163 6 9
Surplus	35494 10 0	15420 1 3

On the 31st March 1900, there were 522 companies (including those newly registered) carrying on business, against 534 at the end of 1898-99. Fifty-six companies went into liquidation and 18 companies, which were under liquidation, were finally dissolved during the year under report.

One company, viz., the Agra Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited, was transferred to Agra under Section 9 of Act XII of 1895, whilst one company, viz., the Deccan Banking and Agency Corporation, Limited, was similarly transferred to this office from Madras.

Five companies increased their nominal capital by special resolutions as apecar in Statement IV, whilst 17 companies, limited by guarantee increased number of their members.

The following table shows the nature of business of the several existing companies with their nominal and paid-up capitals. Paid-up capital of only some of the newly registered companies has been shown as the summaries of capital with list of shareholders were not received from the others by the 31st March 1900;—

No.	Nature of business.	Number of Companies.	Nominal Capital.	Paid-up Capital.
			Rs.	Rs.
1	Banking Loan and Insurance	172	10794945	1119520
2	Baking Loan and Insurance ..... New..	28	1120000	88037
3	Trading	68	35-25400	22358174
4	Do. ..... New...	6	5610000	7200
5	Mills and Presses	217	13597005	11013133
6	Do. ..... New...	4	2800000	184250
7	Planting Companies. New	2	60000	.....
8	Mining and Quarrying	1	882000	869979
9	Do. ..... New...	1	500000	.....
10	Ice Manufacture	3	547000	765075
11	Others	17	13573400	11386656
12	Do.	3	211920	10
		522	209074170	146900094

In the month of Semptember last I directed the various Assistant Registrars in the Mofussil to inspect the offices of the several companies failing under Section 69 of the Indian Companies Act, 1882, within their respective districts, to ascertain whether they had complied with the requirements of that section. All the Assistant Registrars reported having inspected the offices of the companies at their Suddar Station in person and those in the districts through the Mamlatdars. From the statement accompanying the report of the Assistant Registrar of Mehmadabad, it appeared that 18 companies of Umreth, which had been inspected by Mr. Maneckial Vrijbhucandas, Extra Avat Karkun of Anand, had not put up statement in Form D as required by Section 69 of the Act. Prosecutions were accordingly instituted against these companies before the First Class Magistrate at Kaira. But at the hearing of the first case Mr. Maneckial caused a surprise by deposing that "as the offices of the companies were closed, statements in Form D were not put up and there were no such statements outside the offices." As the section provides that the statements are to be put up in the office, the inspection upon which the informations were based proved defective, and so the prosecutions were withdrawn. That a person of the position and intelligence of Mr. Maneckial should have overlooked the provisions of the section, could not be anticipated, as he had reported that "the companies had not prepared and put up statements in Form D as required by law."

I may here add that it is reported to me that the Secretaries and Managers of a number of Provident Societies, which are not in a solvent state, are keeping their offices closed to avoid the importunities of the creditors and members whose claims are due. But as there is nothing in the Act which renders this penal, I have been unable to do anything in the matter.

In conclusion, I beg to state that, besides the prosecutions against the Provident Societies, there was no necessity to institute proceedings against any Joint Stock Company for default under the Act.

	Companies divided into Shares.			Companies Limited by guarantee i. e., possessing no Capital paid up.	
	Number of Companies.	Nominal Capital.	Paid up Capital	Number of Companies.	Number of Members.
Working at close of 1898-99	350	209361375	118220203	181	255260
Registered during 1899-1900	19	10371920	280147	25	13180
Capital increased during 1899-1900	68	1377375	4410536	17	7,100
Capital decreased during 1899-1900	2	3430000	340000	...	2500
Ceased to work during 1899-1900	25	98800000	5701195	31	54000
Working at close of 1899-1900	314	209074170	116900094	178	219040

* The decrease of 2,500 in the numbers of members is due not to any actual decrese in the number of members, but to two companies included in the number 17 having increased the number of their members to Unlimited. Hence the above figures have been shown for the purpose of adjustment.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all Cause.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	2	0	6
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	2	2	21
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	9	1	35
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	0	0	13
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathpura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	0	49
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	0	14
G Mahim and Worli	0	1	7
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown.	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	1	12
Total	13	5	157
Total plague deaths to date...	79,178	64,934	
Same date last year	10	8	77
Cholera	25	19	

BOMBAY PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

The following summary of Plague Operations in the Bombay Presidency for the week ending 24th August is published:

The total number of cases and deaths was 325—226, an increase of 138—112, over the figures of the previous week.

Plague continued to increase in the Thana District, 49 cases having been reported against 14 in the previous week. In the Nasik District, Nasik (which was free last week) again reported 7 cases (2 fatal). Balsar and Matvad in the Surat District returned 8 cases (6 fatal) and 3 cases (2 fatal) respectively. The disease became slightly worse in Poona City, 46 cases being reported as against 30. Belgaum Town and Cantonment reported 98 cases (44 fatal) and 12 cases (8 fatal), respectively.

Ahmednagar reported one imported case (fatal). The Kanara District was again free, having reported one death only. Sangli and Kurundvad (Junior) States in the Kolhapur Agency reported 18 cases (all fatal) and 5 cases (all fatal), respectively.

Abnormal total mortalities were reported from the following uninfected places in the districts from which reports are received:

	Total mortality.	Average mortality.
Athni	22	11·6
Bandra	19	9·8
Chikodi	12	4
Karachi	67	5·1
Nandgad	8	·3
Umbergaon	7	2·6

The total mortality of the following infected places was also higher than the average, after deducting the plague deaths:—

	Total mortality.	Average mortality.	Plague deaths.
Belgaum	97	2·0	56
Bhiwndi	31	8	6
Bulsar	18	·9	6
Haliyal	17	5·6	1
Kuria	67	·5	14
Poona	267	16·4	28

The following districts and Native States were free from plague during the week:—Districts.—Ahmedabad, Ahmednagar, Bijapur, Broach, Dharwar Kaira, Kh andesh, Kolaba, Panch Mahals, Ratnagiri, Satara, Sholapur, Hyderabad, Karachi, Shikarpur, Thar and Parkar, Upper Sind Frontier. Native States.—Aden, Akalkot, Aundh, Bhor, Cutch, Dharampur, Kathiawar, Mahi Kantha, Palanpur, Rewa Kantha, Sachin, Savantvadi, Savanur.

Statement showing the number of doses of Mr. Haffkin's anti-plague vaccine issued to various places from the Plague Resarch Laboratory, Bombay.

Names of places.	No. of doses issued, From 1st Dec 1899.	From 1st Jan to 17th week ending Aug 1900.	During 18th Aug 1900.
Poona District	47365	4579	7040
Madras Presidency	70062	904	151
Bengal Presidency	6822	8026	109
North-West Provinces and Oudh	16819	9288	20
Punjab	20511	294548	500
Central Provinces	11034	1152	20
Burma	1150	1598	152
Other places previously reported	1077703	351428	.....
Total	1251466	671593	7983

The following is a summary of Plague Operations in the Bombay City during the week ending the 25th August:—

The total mortality registered at the cemeteries was 1,924; a decrease of 55 on the figures of the previous week. 60 deaths were not traceable in the City. Including cases treated as suspicious, there were 336 deaths from plague, and 697 from cholera, leaving 891 due to ordinary causes against an average mortality of 560. The decline in the mortality was most noticeable in Fort North, Dhobi Talav, Mazgaon and Byculla Sections, while there was an increase in Umarkhadi and Khetwadi Sections. The total number of inoculations performed during the week was 53; the total up to the end of the week under report standing at 199,905. During the period from the 18th to the 25th August 1900, the number of departures exceeded that of arrivals by 1,305, leaving the estimated population of the town at about 576, 900.

The figures for plague attacks, deaths and total mortality are compared below.

Period.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Total Mortality.
Week ending 26th Aug. 1899	80	73	687
Ditto 4th Aug. 1900	77	44	1,483
Ditto 11th Aug. 1900	49	55	1,922
Ditto 18th Aug. 1900	103	58	1,979
Ditto 25th Aug. 1900	104	70	1,924

The admissions to Hospitals and Camps are shown in the following statement: 41 plague cases were under streatment at the beginning of the week. 19 were admitted during the week. Recoveries and deaths were 9 and 13 respectively.

RAILWAY AND SEA INSPECTION.

The following summary of results of Railway Medical Inspection, Bombay Presidency, week ending the 24th August.

Three hundred and three passengers in all were detained for observation, and 1,379 subjected to the clinical thermometer test. In all 1,204 plague cases have been detected up to the end of the week under report, under the revised system. 743 of these have died, 448 have recovered and 13 have been transferred.

Sea Inspection at Bombay for the week ending the 24th August:

During the week 432 out-going vessels, including native sailing craft, with 9,702 crew and passengers, were medically inspected, and the clothing, bedding and boxes of 982 persons were disinfected. 92 persons were rejected.

One case of small-pox and three cases of cholera (one fatal) were detected from outward inspections on board vessels lying in the harbour and among Port Trust servants and labourers working in the Docks.

Sea Inspection at Karachi for the week ending the 24th August.

Thirty-four out-going vessels, including native sailing craft, with 1,148 crew and passengers, were medically inspected, one person being rejected. On arrival 52 steamers, including native sailing craft, with 1,089 crew and passengers, were medically examined.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, SEPT. 6.

Thursday's observations show that the barometer has been steady, or has fallen slightly over the Bay and in Burma and has been steady, or has risen elsewhere. The rise has been slight to brisk in Rajputana, Gujarat and the West Coast. The depression in the North-West Provinces has filled up. The pressure is very uniform over the Bay and in Burma. Winds have increased in Gujarat and are irregular in the North-West Provinces. Rain has decreased in Burma. Showers have been received in Bengal and the North-West Provinces, Mymensing, Sibhagar, and Dinajpur have received amounts exceeding two inches, and Lucknow one inch. Rain has increased in Madras and moderate to heavy showers have fallen in South Rajputana. Showers have been received in the Central Provinces, Central India, Gujarat, and the West Coast. Mount Abu reports a fall of eight inches, Hyderabad in Deccan two, Salem and Madura one-and-a-half, Bhavnagar, Deesa and Cuddalore one. The mean temperature is in excess in West and Central Punjab, the North-West Provinces, Bengal, West Peninsula, Lower Burma, and Tenasserim; in defect in Gujarat, Rajputana, and Assam. Showers will probably be received in north-east India and south of the peninsula, but showers will probably decrease in the Central Provinces and north-west India.

RAINFALL IN BOMBAY.

An "Inch of Rain" means a gallon of water spread over a surface of nearly two square feet, or 3,630 cubic feet, equivalent to 100 tons upon an acre.

	Byculla. In. Cts.	Esplade. In. Cts.	Fort. In. Cts.	Colaba. In. Cts
Previously registered	65 74	69 31	68 40	64 18
Thursday, 6th Sept.	0 0	0 16	0 11	0 8
Total	65 74	69 47	68 51	64 26
Total fall to 6th Sept., 1899	29 54	32 40	37 23	32 42
Total fall to 6th Sept. 1898	58 4	56 42	56 31	54 11

Rainfall at Byculla registered from 6 p.m. to 6 p.m.; at the Esplanade and Fort, from 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.; and at Colaba from 6 a.m. to 6 a.m.

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	In. Cts.
Previously registered	57 84
From 6 a.m. 5th Sept. to 6 a.m. 6th Sept.	0 9
Total	57 93

MATHERAN.

	In. Cts.
Previously registered	200 46
Monday, 3rd September	1 37
Total	201 83

DAMAUN.

	In. Cts.
Previously registered	79 14
Tuesday, 4th September	0 57
Total	79 71
Total up to 4th September, 1899	28 28

THANA.

	In. Cts.
Previously registered	74 37
Wednesday, 5th Sept, 8 a.m. to 8 a.m.	1 29
Total	75 66
Total fall to 5th Sept, 1899	38 21

Wednesday 5 p.m.—There is a break in the weather just at present. Plague not died out in Thana as yet. A Mahratta peon and his son died in Pipalpada and a Musalman in Rabodi yesterday. A Christian woman in Khatarwada and a Sonar woman in Tembi died of plague to-day.

RAINFALL ON THE B.-G.-J.-P. RAILWAY.

The return of rainfall as registered at 8-30 a.m., on the 4th September:—

	Bhavnagar Para. In. ct.	Dhola. In. ct.	Jetalsar. In. ct.
Previous total	25 18	20 77	28 0
Rainfall on the 4th Sept.	0 28	0 8	0 3
Total up to date	26 46	20 85	28 3

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 6TH SEPTEMBER 1900.

Amritsar.—Rain general over district. Cotton plants want fine weather. Food-grains and all crops doing well.

Ferozepore.—Dry here, but raining in the surrounding districts. All crops doing well.

Multan.—Dry here, but raining in the surrounding districts. Mornings cold and dewy. All crops doing well.

Delhi.—Cloudy, but no rain. Looks like clearing up. Cotton plants want fine weather.

Agra.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants flourishing.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. All crops doing well.

Beawar.—Cotton plants flourishing.

Amraoti.—Seasonable. Cotton plants want more rain.

Khamgaon.—Sufficient rain fallen generally. Cotton plants in flower. Food-grains doing well.

Dhulia—Looks like rain. Crop prospects generally good.

Jalgaon.—Seasonable. Cotton plants' flowering advanced. All crops doing well.

Broach.—Looks like clearing up. Seasonable. Cotton plants flourishing. Food-grains and all crops doing well. Crop prospects generally good.

Viramgaum.—Showery.

Wadhwan.—Showery. Looks like rain. Cotton plants flourishing. Food-grains and all crops doing well.

Dholera.—Weather continues cloudy.

Bhavnagar.—Looks like rain. Seasonable. Break needed generally. Cotton plants flourishing and want fine weather.

Barci.—Continues cloudy. Seasonable. All crops doing well. Cotton plants want more rain.

Sholapur.—Looks like rain. All crops suffering from too little rain.

Hubly.—

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 6.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols.....298 5-8 unchanged.
3 per cent Rentes .....£101 "
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan ....£109 "
3 1-2 per cent Govt. Securities ....£93 7-8—1-8
Bar Silver in London.....28 3-4 plus 3-16
Do in New York .....62 5-8 plus 1-4
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Do. in New York ..... 4 87 3-8 "
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At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India for Rs. 20,00,000

Rs. 13,30,000 were allotted to Calcutta,
Rs. 6,00,000 " " " Bombay,
Rs. 20,000 " " " Madras.

The total amount allotted was Rs. 20,00,000; the minimum rate accepted being 1s. 3 31-32d. Tenders at that rate obtained 29 per cent and above that rate in full. Telegraphic transfers on Calcutta for Rs. 1,00,000 were allotted at 1s. 4 1-32d. Total amount of Bills sold during the week including last public sale was Rs. 12,50,000; amount advertised for allotments next week is Rs. 22,00,000. Rs. 40,000 at 1s. 4d. are wired as extra allottment to Madras.

COTTON.—The American telegrams to hand this morning give yesterday's Receipts at U. S. Ports at 12,000 bales against 20,000 in 1899 and 10,000 in 1898.

The Five days Receipts at U. S. Port for the 3 years stands as below:—

1900	1899	1898
34,000	63,000	31,000

Mid-Uplands ready is quoted at 9 1-3 against 9 3-8, while the prices for December and March positions are wired at 8-85 and 8-82 respectively, against 8-51 and 8-48 yesterday.

Reuter wires the Liverpool and Manchester Markets as closing firm, and arrivals steady. The total day's sales are given at 15,000 bales including 100 for Surats. Sales for speculation and for exports being 1000. Middling-American shows a rise of 3-8d. and the quotations for Surats have gained 1-16d. Forward positions have gained 16 to 3 and are quoted as under:—

Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Dec.-Jan.	March-April.
5·40	5·11	4·47	4·41

Locally, in sympathy with the brisk rise in rates on the other side, the market closes firm, though the business put through is not large. Exporters have taken up a lot of 300 Bengals at Rs. 181-183 and 500 bales Westerns changed hands at Rs. 215.

The following sales to mills have been reported:—

200 Bales Kompta..... at Rs. 203
50 " Bengal ..... " " 192
100 Phulgaoni ..... " " 199
800 " Barsi ..... " " 220

The closing market rates were as under:—

Broach Fine ready..... Rs. 215
do Good do..... Rs. 210, March Rs. 224.
Bengal Fine ready ..... Rs. 190
do. F. G. do..... Rs. 180 January Rs. 184.

WHEAT.—The market remains steady with little business doing. Prices are unchanged.

The following is a summary of the arrivals of produce into Bombay up to 6 p.m. yesterday:—

Cotton	Nil.
Wheat	5,944 cwts
Linseed	923 "
Rapeseed	228 "
Gingellyseed	305 "
Groundnuts	54 "
Castorseed	370 "
Rice	111,726 "
Myrabollams	252 "

EXCHANGE.—The market is unchanged but steady with little business. We quote:—

Bank Telegraphic	1s. 3 15-16d.
Bank Demand	1s. 3 31-32d.
3 Months' sight Credits	1s. 4 3-16d.
" Francs	1s. 6 3-4
Shanghai 30 days' sight	Rs. 202 1-2
Hongkong "	" 150
Japan "	" 149

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—The market opened this morning at 96 for account and during the day gradually declined 1-4 per cent, Ready Paper is 1-8 per cent higher and the market closes at 95 7-8 and 95 3-4 for next settlement.

The following statement will be of interest as shewing the amount of Government Promissory Notes enfaced for London at Calcutta between the 17th and 23rd August 1900:—

3 1 2 per cents	3,16,700
3 " "	1,300
	31,8,000
Add, Balance against London as per last published statement	21,69,93,534
" Am. enfaced at Bombay	4,78,000
" " of Loan certificates transferred to London Books Debt	
	21,77,89,332
Deduct, Amount written off in the London Registers	1,13,600
Grand Total	21,76,75,934

The above figures exclude consideration of the following conponed paper, of which the transfers between London and India do not pass through the books of the Public Debt Office:—

4 1 2 of 1879 under discharge	500
3 1-2 of 1854-55	1,10,31,100
	1,10,31,600

STOCKS AND SHARES.—Market is quiet, Petits opened at Rs. 1,770 and remained unchanged during the day. Bank of Bombay shares are in demand at Rs. 1,267 1-2, Connaught Mill shares have changed hands at Rs. 500xd and other shares are quoit at previous quotations. We quote:—

	Rs.
David Mills	235
Leopold	170
Sholapore	1,775
Burma Shares (new issue)	1,700
Port Canning	525
Treacher and Co's	995
Prantej	645 xd.
Taptee	577 xd.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, SEPT. 5

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm.

Surats quiet.
Good Bhownugger 4 10-32.
The Manchester market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	98 5-8
3 per cent. Rentes	101
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	109
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee papers	63 7-8
Bar Silver	28 3-4

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Austrian Lloyds s. s. Moravia, from Bombay to Calcutta, arrived at Colombo on the morning of the 5th instant.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

Open 1,491 1-4 Miles.

THE following is the statement of traffic, for the week ending 18th August, 1900.

	Coaching Traffic. Receipts.	Merchandize and Mineral Traffic. Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total—Corresponding week last year. Open 1,491¼ miles.	1,23,075	2,01,247	6,072	3,30,394
	...	...	...	3,48,860
Decrease				Rs. 18,466

INDIAN MIDLAND RAILWAY.

Week ending 18th August, 1900.

Description.	1900.	1899.	Inc. for the week.	Dec. for the week.	Aggregate Inc.	Aggregate, Dec.
Miles Open ...	1,130	1,130	..	..	..	..
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Passengers,	41,113	38,991	2,119	...	52,104	...
Parcels, &c.	74,573	80,039	...	5,447	3,25,648	...
Goods						
Other earnings	4,304	6,459	..	2,155	...	12,478
Total for week	1,19,990	1,25,473	...	...	...	...
Aggregate ...	11,45,736	7,80,462	...	...	3,65,274	...

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

NORTH-ROW—August 30, at 3, Cunningham Road, Bangalore, the wife of St. J. K. North-Row, Esq., of a son.
TURNER—August 27, at Simla, the wife of Lieutenant A. E. Turner, of a son.

DEATHS.

AXELBY—August 29, at Vepery, Madras, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs G. B. Patton, Mrs C. A. Axelby, aged 73 years and 11 months.
DUNNE—September 2, at Katni Murwara, of heart disease, the beloved father of H. R. Dunne, aged 80 years.
WHITE—September 3, at Raichur, Madras Railway, at the residence of her parents, Kathleen Jane (Kate), the beloved daughter of J. W. White, Station Master, aged 16 years and 8 months.
WOOD—August 20, on the Bengal-Nagpur Railway, between Balasore and Baripada Stations, killed by an accident, Henry E. Wood, the eldest son of the late Captain Henry Wood, 3rd King's Own Dragoons, aged 39 years, 10 months and 26 days.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The Bombay Gazette

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1900.

THE statement that the departure of further transports for China had been countermanded is unfortunately incorrect. In view of the improved appearance of affairs at the beginning of the week the Government of India wired Home for instructions, meantime issuing orders that transport arrangements should stand fast. Almost simultaneously came the news of the massacre of fifty foreign missionaries in the governor's yamen at Tai-yun-fu and a reply from the Secretary of State that the transports should be despatched according to the original programme. The third and fourth brigades will proceed to Hongkong where they will receive orders as to their destination, for the outlook cannot be regarded with satisfaction. The Dowager-Empress, who is at the bottom of all the trouble has ignored the request of Li-Hung-Chang that Viceroys of Southern Provinces should be associated with him as commissioners to negociate the terms of peace. On the other hand she has ordered an investigation into the conduct of the Southern Viceroys whose degradation is probable, on the ground that they have entered into a compact with the Foreign Consuls. The Viceroys of the southern provinces are most enlightened and consequently more favourably disposed towards the Europeans than their northern colleagues. The associates of Li-Hung-Chang are radically anti-foreign and the populace seeing that the anti-foreign party is in favour, prudently, so far as its own interests are concerned, shouts with the largest crowd. This feeling, it is feared, will culminate in a serious rising before the end of the month. In full knowledge of these facts Government's decision to suspend trooping arrangements and pay off hired transports would have been suicidal. As to the evacuation of the capital prior to the arrangement of terms we find that residents in China join in the cry raised in Europe against any such action, and it would be an insult to their intelligence and their knowledge of the country and its people, to pronounce them in error. It is only natural that China should first desire to settle with her bitterest enemy, Russia, but the statement that that Power has been offered the whole of Manchuria must not be accepted without confirmation, though as we pointed out the other day, half of Manchuria is almost a part of the Russian empire.

THE contiguity of Western China and our Burmese possessions gives India direct concern in the affairs of the Celestial Empire. Thus the issue of the present time of the official memorandum on the trade between Burma and the adjoining foreign countries gives it additional interest. So far as Waingmaw and Kasu are concerned, it appears that the trade is not so valuable as it was expected to be, for the major portion of it is in the hands of the Chinese, whose dealings are confined entirely to the jade mines. But in order to work them, they make no use of the railway, tramping across country as though no line existed. When the line was extended to Myitkyina it was believed that it would divert the trade from Bhamo and improve trade relations between Burma and Western China, but it did not, one of the explanations being found in a misunderstanding between the Chinese and the Burmese military police, and another in the dacoities committed by Chinese-Kachins on traders entering British territory. Trade may improve, however, and we are pleased to note that a good road intended for cart traffic is under construction from Bhamo to the Manwaing Valley on the Chinese frontier. The advantages it offers have already been recognised, and although the principal bridges have not yet been constructed, traders, particularly Shan-Chinese, have taken to it in large numbers. Comparing the trade returns of the year reported upon with those of the previous year, we find that there is an increase both under imports and exports This result is satisfactory, especially on the Bhamo and Maymyo routes, in view of the great demand for ponies for Government purposes and the local demand in Mandalay by hackney carriage owners. To the sum total of imports, fibrous products, hides, provisions, tea and treasure contributed, while the principal exports were cotton, twist, yarn, woollen piece-goods and jade. The most marked feature of the year's Burmese trans-frontier trade, however, was as indicated the extraordinarily large import of ponies from Western China and the heavy export of raw cotton, despite the disturbing conditions prevailing on the frontier. As the Director of Land Records observes, Burma requiring the ponies badly and having a good customer for her cotton in the Chinaman, both are very satisfactory.

The Deputy Commissioner at Myitkyina in commenting on the Western China imports remarks a temporary decline which he also attributes to the excitement caused in transfrontier tracts by the collision at Hpare in unadministered tracts and the generally unsettled state of the country which followed. It was also undoubtedly due to the want of control over the Kachins in Chinese territory by the local authorities. Five serious dacoities were committed in December last on Chinese caravans as they entered British territory. Mr. Bourne of the China Consular Service has also a report on the Western China trade, and he is of opinion that our trade with Yunnan would at once increase very largely if the projected cart-road to the Manwaing valley were completed, an undertaking which he estimates could be carried out at a cost of ten lakhs of rupees. Of Western and South-Western Yunnan Mr. Bourne says nothing, but that it may be taken for granted that her Majesty's Government will at once do in regard to the Burma and Shan States trade, what France has done in regard to that of the Red River, namely, insist that our goods shall go through Ta-la Fu Yunnan Fu and Ssu-mao under transit-pass when we shall certainly supply from Burma, the richest part of Yunnan. For this he is persuaded it is not necessary to await a railway upon Chinese territory, believing that the means of transit by caravan are sufficient for the present population.

As far as Yunnan Fu itself is concerned, Li-kin and Fu-shui, thanks to the efforts of the French, do not concern us, but in the case of goods coming across our Burmese frontier not only is Li-kin levied at Momein according to the provincial tariff, but a Fu-shui or prefectural duty is levied at each prefecture through which the goods pass and there are five of them. Illustrating the duties to which goods are subjected Mr. Bourne shows that what the Chinese call Burmese cloth, but which is in reality Indian flannelette is taxed seven times, the amount of duty amounting to 58 tael cents. But says the Consul in a futile effort to console traders as to future prospects, if Yunnan be left to progress "a la Chinoise," it will take a hundred years to reach the condition of Ssu-Chuan. If the pace is to be hurried, the first step should be the establishment of a caravan trade under transit-pass from Burma as now exists from Ton-King. The same might be done from Wu-chow by way of Nanning and Po-Se and perhaps from Chung-King by way of Sui-fu, all of which can be done under existing treaties. In the observations of the Deputy Commissioner of Mandalay that official shows that European twists have apparently entirely driven Indian twists out of the market, and although only introduced a year ago have already increased more than fourfold. Wheat was exported for the first time almost entirely, it is said, for the supply of the Europeans and Natives working on the railway. The greater part of the five thousand maunds exported must, however, have been taken by the Government for commissariat purposes. Mandalay is a great centre to which most of the wheat grows in the riverine districts is sent, and it is probably cheaper to buy there than to import from the Southern Shan States, even supposing the supply there were sufficient.

THE Indian Volunteer Rifle Association has issued an appeal to Volunteers and others for support in its efforts to improve rifle-shooting among Europeans. This is the day of the armed citizen who is averse to continued military discipline and he has now the opportunity of becoming a marksman without the necessity of attending so many parades and drills. The idea of rifle clubs has caught on at Home, and we are informed that in issuing a limited number of rifles and ammunition to local rifle clubs the Home Government is enabling the people to do exactly what the Volunteer Rifle Association endeavours to do for India. Lord Salisbury's system of rifle clubs is, it appears, practically what the Indian Association has been striving to attain here for the last six years. The difficulty has been hitherto in regard to rifles, the Martini-Henry not being the kind of weapon the civilian cares to shoot with as a pastime. The Lee-Metford has, however, greatly altered the conditions of rifle-shooting, and the Association state that provided Lee-Metford rifles and ammunition are available there is no reason why every European in India should not be a rifle shot either as a volunteer, a volunteer reservist or an honorary member. There are undoubtedly many men who are anxious to take up rifle-shooting but who are disinclined to become active volunteers. These, the Association hopes, may through its instrumentality be induced to join the Volunteer Reserve and become efficient in the use of the rifle. All who can, are invited to join the Association and shoot. It is believed that the Government of India will afford the Europ an every assistance and encouragement to become a marksman. Young volunteers are especially invited to join the Association and take part in the handicap shooting matches. So that none may be debarred, special competitions for tyros, and, in fact, for all classes of shots will be arranged if the necessary support be forthcoming. The great object of these competitions will be the improvement of young shots. As an encouragement prizes will be offered but it is not the intention of the Association to foster "pot hunting." The man who is expert with a rifle is a useful person in an emergency whether he has learned military drill or not, and for that reason the effort of the Indian Volunteer Rifle Association to induce all Europeans in this country to learn to shoot straight is to be commended.

THE Madras Department of Land Records and Agriculture publishes a bulletin, in which Mr. G. A. Barber, the Government Botanist, reports upon diseases which attack sugarcane in the district of South Arcot. One very curious and destructive disease is caused by a fungus, called "Ustilago Sacchari." Under the attacks of the fungus the sugarcane is quickly converted into a dead, black rod, fit only to be burned to prevent the disease spreading. According to Mr. Barber the destructive fungus, is what is known to botanists as a true "smut" but unlike that which injures wheat or sorghum it does not wait for the plant to seed but makes its appearance earlier. The disease is such that it is important that no cuttings should be taken from infected fields. The infection appears to take place through the spores, which are developed on a diseased cane, alighting upon and perforating the tenderest leaves of young plants in the neighbourhood. Plants that have been attacked should, therefore, be burnt at once. The same disease has of late years frequently appeared in Java, where it is considered probable that it orginates among wild species of saccharum which surround the mountain nurseries, and is thence introduced into the plantations in the plains. Mr. Barber, therefore, suggests that the grasses and reeds growing near the cane-fields of South Arcot should be examined to ascertain if any of them have been attacked by the fungus, as in that case the wild grasses would form a permanent source of infection. The sugarcane attacked is the hardy, reed-like variety, which probably more closely resembles wild saccharum than the other species grown in Southern India.

THE general health of Bombay City shows continued improvement, and we hope the decline in general mortality will be maintained. The total number of deaths is 1,224, a decrease of 400 compared with the previous week. A fortnight ago the mortality was 2,203, but the subsidence of both cholera and lung diseases is having a very material effect on the death-rate. For several months the mortality due to diseases of the respiratory system has been appallingly high, but the drop noticed last week has been continued. Cholera victims fell off in number from 408 to 177, and it is more satisfactory that later returns record a still further lessening in the mortality due to this painful cause. Diarrhœa and dysentery are yet prevalent, but the number of deaths shows a tendency to decrease. There were 194 births during the week, and the annual mortality is 7,498.

WE are officially informed that Her Majesty the Queen has approved of Lord Amptihill's appointment as Sir Arthur E. Havelock's successor as Governor of Madras on the latter's retirement at the end of this year.

THE Honourable Mr. Justice Fulton has been granted furlough on urgent private affairs for six months from the 15th instant.

MR. M. C. GIBB, I. C. S., Collector of Ahmedabad, has been granted furlough for six months.

MR. A. M. T. JACKSON, I. C. S., acting Collector of Thana, has been allowed furlough for one year.

MR. W. H. LUCH acts as District Superintendent of Police, Kaira, during the absence of Mr. H. R. Hume.

MR. S. R. ARTHUR, I. C. S., Personal Assistant to the Collector of Satara, has been granted furlough for one year.

MR. P. E. PERCIVAL, B.A., (OXON), Barrister-at-law, I. C. S., has been appointed Assistant Collector of Sholapur.

MR. W. F. D. FISHER, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Fourth Grade, has been allowed furlough for one year and three months.

MR. J. P. ORR, I. C. S., acts as Collector and District Registrar, Thana, and Member and President of District Local Board.

THE REV. C. SWYNNERTON, Chaplain of Hyderabad (Sind), has been granted special leave on urgent private affairs for six months.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. Arcadia with the outward mails of the 31st ultimo left Suez at 9 p.m., on Tuesday, the 4th instant.

MR. PETER BYRNE has been appointed to act as Coroner of Bombay, vice Mr. Allan F. Turner, deceased, pending further orders.

MR. JOHN EDWARD MEALE has been appointed a Second Lieutenant in the G. I. P. Railway Volunteer Rifles to complete the establishment.

MR. J. B. ALCOCK, I. C. S., Judge and Sessions Judge, has been permitted to return to duty within the period of his leave.

LIEUT.-COL. F. W. SNELL, Administrator of the Porbandar State, has been permitted to return to duty within the period of his leave.

MR. L. C. SWIFTE, I. C. S., Personal Assistant to the Collector of Kaira, has been allowed furlough on medical certificate for twelve months.

IT is considered that all danger is now over at Dera Ghazi Khan, and it is extremely unlikely that the river will come down again this year.

MR. H. R. HUME, District Superintendent of Police, Kaira, has been granted furlough for one year from the 15th instant or subsequently.

MR. C. E. MCDONALD, Assistant to the Collector of Income Tax, Bombay Town and Island, has been allowed two months' extension of privilege leave.

MR. H. S. LAWRENCE, I. C. S., Under Secretary to Government Revenue, Financial and Separate Departments, has been granted furlough for twelve months.

ON Monday six fresh cases of plague were recorded in Calcutta, the number of deaths reported from that cause being the same. The total mortality was 65.

MR. H. F. SILCOCK, I. C. S., has been permitted to resign the Covenanted Civil Service on the Bombay Establishment with effect from the 24th October.

WE understand that Prof. T. K. Gajjar is a candidate for the seat left vacant in the Bombay University Syndicate by the retirement of Rev. Dr Mackichan.

WE learn that Mr. R. S. Lepper, a well-known Educationist in Madras, has been appointed to the History Chair in the Maharajah's College, Trevandrum.

MAJOR A. B. ANDERSON, M. B., I. M. S., Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Western Registration District, has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

MR. G. T. P. MILLER, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Third Grade and Divisional Forest Officer, Nasik, has been granted furlough for one year from or after 25th October.

IN addition to the Lee-Enfield Rifles now arriving weekly in India, a large amount of ammunition and cordite is also being sent out in reply to the requisitions from Government.

THE following officers are leaving India for South Africa:—Lieutenants Johnston, 1st North Staffords, Roche, 1st Wiltshires, Inglis, 1st West Yorkshires, and Pollock, Black Watch.

MR. F. G. PRATT, I. C. S., acts as Collector and District Registrar, Ahmedabad, and Member and President of the District Local Board during the absence of Mr. M. C. Gibb.

THE services of Captain H. B. Ford, 31st Punjab Infantry, on Famine duty, have been replaced at the disposal of the Government of India in the Revenue and Agricultural Department.

MR. S. L. BATCHELOR, I. C. S., has been allowed an extension of two months on medical certificate. This extension cancels the permission granted to Mr. Batchelor to return to India.

MR. C. W. M. HUDSON, I. C. S., Personal Assistant to the Collector of Ahmednagar and First Class Magistrate, has been appointed an additional District Magistrate in the district of Ahmednagar for two months.

MR. F. L. HALLIDAY, Officiating Deputy Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, has been appointed to act, in addition to his own duties, as Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, during the absence, on a month's leave, of Mr. A. H. James.

THE Plague returns for the week ending the 1st instant gave 691 deaths as against 629 in the week preceding. The figures were: Bombay City, 49; Bombay Presidency, 227; Calcutta, 85; Bengal, 11; Mysore State, 308; Madras Presidency, 7; Hyderabad State, 4.

MAJOR COWPER, 10th Bengal Lancers, has been instructed to submit his report at an early date on the results of his recent investigation on the subject of horse breeding in certain selected districts in India.

MR. C. A. B. BEATTY, Personal Assistant to the Inspector General of Police, acts as Superintendent of Police attached to the Secretariat, in addition to his own duties, vice Mr. H. M. Gibbs and pending relief by Mr. H. N. Alexander.

OWING to plague, famine and cholera, writes the Lahore paper, Local Governments and Administrations have been unable to spare more than a small number of civil hospital assistants for use in connection with the China expedition. As many as possible, however, will be supplied for military duty. Meanwhile orders have issued for the immediate examination of third year pupils in the Poona and Ahmedabad Medical Schools, and also for the re-engagement of retired hospital assistants.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that Mr. C. T. Burke, B.E., M.I.C.E., Superintending Engineer, First Class, on retirement from the Government service on the 27th instant, shall continue as Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust until further orders.

A REQUISITION signed by a number of the Madras Municipal Commissioners has been sent to the President requesting him to convene a Special Meeting on Wednesday, the 12th instant, to consider the question of "kerosine oil depots and public safety" in the 1st Municipal Division.

THE s.s. Mashona, of 2,703 tons, Captain J. George, which arrived in harbour yesterday from New York, reports that the vessel grounded off Rishah Island. Some of the cargo had to be removed to float her. She was safely floated without sustaining any damage. During the voyage she experienced fine weather.

A DARING fraud was perpetrated last Thursday on the Bank of Bengal, Calcutta. A letter was sent to the Bank purporting to come from Messrs. Landale and Clarke, asking for a book of 100 cheques. This was given to the native messenger. Subsequently a cheque was presented bearing the forged signature of the firm in favour of G. Gordon for Rs. 35,000. The amount was paid over in currency notes. The fraud was discovered next day. There is no clue up to the present.

THE recent heavy rain at Ferozepore caused floods which threatened a disaster to the city that was averted only by the prompt action of the local staff in cutting the Ludhiana and City roads. Even with the flood water thus eased off the cantonments were threatened and part of the city got under water. Several houses collapsed, but fortunately no lives were lost. At Maler Kotla also the city was partly under water and houses fell but no lives were lost.

LORD OLLIVER ARTHUR VILLIERS RUSSELL AMPTHILL, who is to be the Governor of Madras, was born on February 19th, 1869. He was educated at Eton and at New College, Oxford (where he was a distinguished oarsman), and was in 1894 married to Lady Margaret Lygon, daughter of the sixth Earl Beauchamp. He is the eldest son of the famous diplomatist and ambassador, Lord Odo William Russell, and is one of Mr. Chamberlain's private secretaries. He seconded the Address to the Queen in the House of Lords, in 1895.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending 4th September was 1,224, giving a death-rate of 74·98 per annum per thousand as against 38·34 the corresponding period of last year, and 41·06 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 17 died from fevers; 57, plague; 1, measles; 177, cholera; 6, leprosy; 138 phthisis; 100, diseases of the nervous system; 198, affections of the respiratory organs; 118, diarrhœa; 72, dysentery; 39, still-born; 115, old age and debility; 18, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 45; Brahmin, 34; Bhattia, 5; Hindu of other caste, 663; Hindu low caste, 161; Musalman, 234; Parsee, 33; Jew, 7; Native Christian, 25; Eurasian, 5; European, 9; Negro-African, 2. The total number of births was 194 as against 279 the corresponding period of last year, and 269 the average over the past five years.

THE "Madras Review," for the current quarter contains eleven articles, which deal with a variety of topics, from the Chrisis in China to Legends of Ancient Madura. Interpellations in the Indian Legislative Councils is the subject of the second article, which concludes thus:—"There has been considerable dissatisfaction with the way in which the rules as regards interpellation have been given effect to. It is time, therefore, that the existing rules were reconsidered and modified so as more effectually to fulfil the intentions of the Act." Katherine W. Elwes has contributed a very interesting paper on "Queen Elizabeth and her portraits." Mr. V. Kanakasabha Pillai continues his learned series of articles on "The Tamillis: Eighteen hundred years ago. Mr. N. Vaithianatha Iyers Essay on "Education and Character is a thoughtful production. The "Review ends with an appreciative notice of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranade's recent work on the Rise of the Maratha Power.

LORD SALISBURY, according to a story in "The Gem," told the following interesting and amusing incident a short time ago at a meeting of a certain literary club of which he is president: "One book," said Lord Salisbury, "has always fascinated me, and on more than one occasion has drawn me out of bed very early in the morning. This is Dumas' Monte Cristo. A few months ago I was staying at Sandringham. I had my favourite with me, and about half-past four in the morning I got up and went into the beautiful grounds, and sat down for an hour or two to be 'carried away' by my book. I had been reading for about half an hour, when I heard some one say, 'What! Are a Prime Minister's duties so heavy that he must needs be up so early in order to study?' I turned, and saw the Prince of Wales. I showed him the book that had drawn me out so early, and he said laughingly that he would read such an apparently fascinating book. Three weeks afterwards he said to me: 'Monte Cristo drew you out of bed at half-past four in the morning; I may say that it drew me out of my bed at four in the morning.'" The age of this story, it will be seen, is uncertain, but it is hard to believe that the Prince of Wales had not read Monte Cristo before Lord Salisbury became Prime Minister.

AT the Victoria Institute recently Professor Edward Hull read a very interesting and suggestive paper on "The Coal Resources of the United Kingdom at the Close of the Nineteenth Century." The importance of this subject to a great naval Power is sufficiently obvious, and, although there is probably no danger of exhausting our coal-fields within the next two hundred years, it may be found needful to put some check upon the export of anthracite coal. The largely-increased exports of Welsh coal during the past few years is a serious matter from the naval standpoint. Both France and Russia are accumulating large stores of this coal, and there is none to equal it for the use of torpedo craft and warships generally. Free trade principles and the rights of the colliery owners are the arguments against checking the export, but, as Professor Hull pointed out, it would be within the legitimate power of the Government to impose a tax upon every ton of coal exported to Continental states. A tax of 5s. would increase the revenue by about ten millions sterling supposing, that is that the export continued at the present rate of 40,000,000 tons annually. And this enormous export, it should be noted, is chiefly confined to Welsh coal. Last year our total output of coal of all kinds was about six times as great as the quantity exported, but the output tends to increase very rapidly, and has nearly doubled since 1866, when a Royal Commission reported on the subject. In another thirty or forty years the output and export may again be doubled, unless steps are taken to check this lavish export which benefits the coal owners but not the State. Professor Hull urges the appointment of another commission to inquire into the resources of the coal-fields, and to report whether or not the export should be checked in the naval and commercial interests of the country. A century ago no statesman would have believed it possible that England would come to rely upon imported foodstuffs; and to-day our politicians ridicule the exhaustion of our coal mines. But, because the mines cannot be exhausted in our own day, have we the right to disregard the dangers that threaten our descendants? Assuredly not.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

ADMIRAL SEYMOUR'S DESPATCH.

EXPEDITION FROM TIENTSIN.

MARCH OF THE ALLIES THROUGH THE FORBIDDEN CITY.

UNREST INCREASING AT CANTON.

EXTERMINATION OF BOXERS.

LONDON, SEPT. 6.

Admiral Seymour in a lengthy report on his advance on Peking dwells upon the hearty co-operation of the Allies, thereby engendering international sympathy.

Admiral Seymour, in his despatch especially commends the Japanese energy and the mobility of their forces. Writing to the Japanese Commander Admiral Seymour said he hoped their co-operation with the British would be the forerunner of long good fellowship between the two peoples.

The "Times" commenting on Admiral Seymour's remarks says that hope the English nation gladly re-echoes.

LONDON, SEP. 6.

An expedition is starting from Tientsin for Paoting-fu clearing the intervening villages which were the scene of the first Boxer outrages.

Detachments of proportionate strength from each of the Allied Forces marched through the Forbidden City on the 28th ultimo. The British took third place in the procession.

The Austrians are landing 50 men at Shanghai.

The state of unrest at Canton is increasing.

The native shops there dealing in foreign goods have been looted.

Troubles are feared during the Feast of Lanterns on the 8th instant.

It is stated that the native soldiery acting under orders from Li-Hung-Chang are exterminating the Boxers in Hunan and Chihli.

TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPT. 5.

The sailing of the Transports and Troops for China, which has been in abeyance temporarily, will be resumed and carried out in accordance with the programme already arranged.

MARCH OF THE ALLIED TROOPS THROUGH THE FORBIDDEN CITY.

General Gaselee wires from Peking, dated 29th August, as follows:—The Allied Troops marched through the Forbidden City yesterday, each army representing in proportion to their strength. The British took the third place in the procession, the Russians and Japanese being in much greater strength. We were represented by detachments of all corps, aggregating 400 men. The salute was fired by our artillery.

MORE OFFICERS FOR CHINA.

The following Officers are ordered to proceed to China:—Lieutenant-Colonels Westmoreland, 6th Bengal Infantry; Radford, 4th Punjab Infantry; and Macdonald, D.S.O., R.E.; Captains Senior, 20th Bengal Infantry; Ducat, 4th Bombay Cavalry; and Hume, R. E.; and Lieutenant Stirling, 4th Punjab Cavalry; and Hunter, R. E.

Regarding the suspension of trooping operations in connexion with the China Expeditionary Force, we understand the Native Field Hospitals under orders will still be sent in order to make up the necessary complement required by the troops that have embarked. No. 3 General Hospital, however will not go.

The Maharaja Scindia will shrtly proceed to China to join the Expeditionary Force, probably on General Gasele's Staff.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPT. 5.

Colonel Wolfe Murray is expected back from South Africa at an early date to resume the appointment of Head of the Intelligence Department rendered vacant by the illness of Colonel Barrow.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cusach, R.A.M. Corps, Aden, has applied to retire.

Captain Holmes, from the Malwa Bhil Corps, officiates as 2nd-in-command in the Meywar Bhil Corps.

Lieutenant Delm-Radcliffe, South Lancashire Regiment, officiates as Double Company officer, 14th Bombay Infantry.

Hon. E. S. Napier from leave becomes Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, Bombay.

Captain Ashworth, R. E. from leave, is temporarily attached to the office of Consulting Engineer for Railways, Bombay.

CHOLERA AMONG TROOPS.

Only two cholera deaths have occurred in British Corps in India since the 1st inst., though sporadic cases continue to be reported in good many units of the Native Army. In the past five days the Erinpura Irregular Infantry, 1st Bombay Infantry, 5th P. I., Alwar Imperial Service Infantry, 4th Sikhs, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, the 54th Field Battery and 19th Bengal Lancers have reported one cholera death each, while solitary cases which have not proved fatal have occurred in the Welsh Regiment, the 37th P. I., the 3rd Punjab Cavalry, the 24th M. I, and the 27th P. I.

FAMINE RELIEFS.

The numbers under famine relief have fallen since last week by half a million Bombay, the Central Provinces, the Punjab and Berar; all reporting large reductions. The Central Provinces now have 1,60,000 on relief works and 17,00,000 on gratuitous relief, while in Bombay the corresponding figures are 6,50,000 and 5,20,000 respectively.

MR. R. NEILSON STEPHENS is one of the newcomers in a literary field wherein America seems destined to reap a rich harvest: we mean that of the historical novel. He has written a story which will shortly appear under the title of "Philip Winwood. It narrates the domestic history" of an American Captain in the war of Independence. The period extends from 1763, the end of the Seven Years' War, to 1786. Its chief localities are London and New York, and it is supposed to be told by the Captain's enemy, Herbert Ruffell, a Lieutenant in the army of King George the Third. The volume will be illustrated by E. W. D. Hamilton.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

OCCUPATION OF LADYBRAND BY THE BOERS.

CASUALTIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

INDEMNITY TO GERMAN VESSELS.

THE SITUATION AT LYDENBERG.

DISBANDING IN THE FREE STATE.

LONDON, SEPT. 6.

The Boers have occupied and looted the town of Ladybrand, but abandoned the siege.

The garrison is entrenched on the hill side. Five of the garrison have been wounded.

The British casualties in South Africa for the week ending 28th ultimo, are 26 officers and 504 men, mostly incurred during the advance on Machadodorp.

General Carrington has arrived at Buluwayo.

Grobelaar is still negotiating regarding surrender.

The indemnity to be paid by Great Britain for the detention of German vessels in Delagoa Bay is only £29,563.

LONDON, SEPT. 6.

Latest advices from the Transvaal state that Buller and Botha are at present inactive.

Reinforcements reached Buller on Tuesday.

Hunter's column for the relief of Ladybrand fought the Boer rearguard at Platberg. It was chiefly confined to an Artillery duel.

The Boers retired.

The personnel of the Army transport of yeomanry and scouts in the Free State has been disbanded.

THE ANNEXATION OF THE TRANSVAAL.

ADVERSE CRITICISM.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPT. 6.

The "Indian Daily News" publishes the following special cablegram, dated London, Sept. 5:—

The proclamation by Lord Roberts announcing the annexation of the Transvaal has evoked an increasingly bitter spirit in the whole of the Afrikander press in South Africa. The papers declare with one accord that nothing but brute force will make the annexation respected, and that it will only last so long as a large overpowering British force is kept in the Transvaal.

Kruger has issued a strong protest against the annexation.

The German and Austrian newspapers are criticising the annexation in a very hostile spirit and insist that the present situation existing in Transvaal did not warrant Lord Roberts' proclamation of annexation, a proceeding which they declare to be utterly contrary to international law. Notwithstanding the penalties which stare them in the face if caught, the Boers are running the risk and a telegram has been received stating that they have captured a train of 44 trucks containing supplies and ordnance stores.

A telegram received to-day announces that Lord Roberts has granted a commission to Mr. Joseph Gaynor of Lumsden's Horse. He has been gazetted as Second Lieutenant in the 2nd Dragoon Guards.

Trustworthy news received recently points to Lord Roberts remaining in command in South Africa until about the middle of October. This would just make him reach Home in time to assume the Commander-in-Chiefship when Lord Wolseley retires on November 1st.

A telegram has been received by the Military authorities at Simla announcing the death from pneumonia at Pretoria, on August 29th, of No. 132, Corporal J. Maclaine of Lumsden's Horse. He belonged to the Surma Valley Light Horse.

THE ASHANTI WAR.

Colonel Willcocks has returned to Kumasi after destroying several strongholds of the enemy.

Lieutenant Burton, of the Munster Fusiliers, was killed and Colonel Brake, Royal Artillery, wounded.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATION.

The Minister of Commerce in welcoming the delegates from the British Chambers of Commerce at the Congress in Paris, deprecated the attempts made to sow the seeds of distrust between England and France, whose mutual interests require the maintenance of friendship.

SIR J. WINGATE AT DUNBAR.

General Sir J. Wingate, in receiving the Freedom of the City of Dunbar, paid a warm tribute to the Khedive and the Egyptian officers and troops, and said he believed the Soudan would equal Egypt in prosperity.

THE PLAGUE AT GLASGOW.

The situation at Glasgow has improved.

ROYAL BOMBAY GOLF CLUB.

THE MADRAS MEDAL.

A COMPETITION by handicap under medal play rules took place yesterday morning for the Madras Medal. There were 26 entries, and twenty of the players returned cards. The medal was won by Mr. A. T. Spalding, who returned the best gross score—41—2—39. The winner started badly taking 17 strokes for the first three holes, but he holed out the remaining six for an additional 24. Last year's winner Mr. D. Miller was second with a net score of 42. The following are the best scores:—

	Gross.	Handicap.	Nett.
Mr. A. T. Spalding	41	2	39
,, D. Miller	45	3	42
,, H. G. W. Melkie	45	scr.	45
,, J. C. R. Johnston	45	scr.	45
,, A. C. Owen	54	9	45
,, J. R. Boyes	50	5	45
,, J. H. Du Boulay	51	6	45
,, Marshall Reid	46	scr.	46
,, R. W. Harter	53	7	46
,, P. W. Cresswell	54	8	46
,, J. Stiven	47	scr	47
,, M. Innesker	54	7	47
Dr. Macdonald	48	scr	48
Mr. A. F. Fergusson	56	7	49

LORD NORTHCOTE AT AHMEDNAGAR.

ADDRESS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

AHMEDNAGAR, SEPT. 6.

H. E. Lord Northcote visited Ahmednagar to-day and was presented with an address by the Ahmednagar Municipality.

In reply to the address his Excellency thanked them for the cordial welcome extended to himself and Lady Northcote, and for the loyal reference to the blessings of British rule. Referring to the recognition by the Municipality of the successful efforts of the Government to cope with the famine the Governor congratulated the Municipality and the District on having Mr. Lamb at the head of affairs. As regard the request for the completion of the Kapurwadi Waterworks in the event of their not being completed by famine labour his Excellency assured the Municipality of his sympathetic consideration of their request, and hoped they would agree that the scheme which would be laid before the Government of India, and which he trusted would be approved, was literally conceded. Adverting to the prayer for a decision on the difficulty which prevented the completion of the Ripon Hall and adjacent temple, the Governor said that as the Municipality were aware, legal difficulties had arisen in consequence of the failure on the part of the Municipality to comply with certain requirements of the law, but that the matter was under disposal in a way, he hoped, would prove satisfactory. While no promise could be made as to the remission of plague expenditure, his Excellency hoped that when times were more prosperous financially, the Municipality would find that such assistance, as might be given by the Government, would enable them to resume care of the public utility and progress. His Excellency was sure her Majesty the Queen would learn with appreciation the sympathy expressed by the Municipality in her Majesty's recent melancholy loss.

ANOTHER ADDRESS.

Later in the day Lord Northcote was presented with an address by the Ahmednagar Education Society, and in replying his Excellency, after thanking the Society for its address of welcome, said that it occupied a peculiarly responsible position, and would doubtless agree that it was called upon to prove itself of it. No object could be more worthy than the promotion and encouragement of education, with special regard to industrial education. The Society was peculiarly fitted to aid the Government in the matter. The Government did not want a hard and fast system for the whole of India, but one adapted to all districts. Referring to the time he was President of the British Chambers of Commerce the Governor said there were various schemes of education adapted to various localities. He would like to know what steps the Society had taken during the twelve years of its existence. There was already one Technical School in Ahmednagar, and he was sure the Society would not lay behind private enterprise. Referring to the appeal to the Government for funds and to the statement that the education of the young should be in the hands of the people as tending to popularize and nationalize education, the Governor said the Government could not abdicate the control of education for which they paid in whole or in part. There was no desire to needlessly meddle, but the Government could not divest itself of its responsibilities. His Excellency reciprocated to the Society the good wishes extended by it to the Government, and commended the motto "Heaven helps those who help themselves," as being as applicable to the Society as to the Government, since in all things it is mainly to our own exertions and not to extraneous aid that we must look for success.

In the afternoon his Excellency visited the Remount Depot.

PRESIDENTIAL ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

POONA, SEPT. 6.

A large number of spectators assembled at the Race Course this afternoon to witness the Presidential Assault-at-Arms. Several events were completed. The competition in Sword Mounted vs. Bayonet and Lance Mounted vs. Sword were keenly contested. The infantry men proved victorious in many events. Gunner O' Gorman was especially conspicuous with the Bayonet, and Sergeants Walker and Hinton with Swords. These three will compete in the final. The following are the details:—In Sword vs. Sword Sergeant Hinton, 29th Field Battery won the first prize of Rs. 30 and a silver medal; Sergeant Girling, E Battery, R. H. A., the second; and Sergeant Major Black, 16th Field Battery, the third. In Sword vs. Lance Mounted Sergeant Spink, 1st Field Battery, carried the first prize of Rs. 30 and a silver medal; Sergeant Findlay, 16th Field Battery, the second; and Sergeant Wheeler, E Battery, R. H. A., the third. In Tent-Pegging with Lance Duffedar Hirasing, 1st Lancers, Hyderabad Contingent, was first; Dafedar Karam Sing, second; and Sowar Nazir Khan, Governer's Body-Guard, third. In Heads and Posts Sergeant Hinton, 29th Field Battery, was first; Sergeant-Major Christie, 22nd Field Battery, second; and Sergeant Spink, 1st Field Battery, third. In the same event for Natives Sowar Wajramsing, 1st Bombay Lancers, Governor's Body-Guard was first; Lance-Duffadar Jaimalsing, second; Duffedar Matikdal Khan, 1st Bombay Lancers, third. In Sword Mounted vs. Bayonet, Naik Chundarsing, Sappers and Miners, was first; Sowar Abdul Raman, 3rd Lancers Hyderabad Contingent, second; and Naik Chundar Mina, 2nd Bombay Grenadiers, third. In the same event for British Sergeant Wheeler, E Battery, was first; Gunner Gorman, R. H. A., second; and Sergeant Hinton, 16th Field Battery, third. In Tent-Pegging with Lance Sergeant Findlay, 16th Field Battery, was first; Sergeant-Major Studley, E Battery R. H. A., second; Sergeant-Major Christie, 22nd Field Battery, third. In Sword vs. Lance Mounted Kote Duffedar Akbarali Khan, 3rd Lancers Hyderabad Contingent, first; Kote Duffedar Dhiansingh, 1st Bombay Lancers, second; and Duffedar Umrao Ali, Governor's Body-Guard, third. In Sword vs. Sword Mounted Naik Shah Mahomed, 1st Bombay Lancers, first; Kote Duffedar Akbarali, 3rd Lancers Hyderabad Contingent, second; Lance Duffedar Abdur Rahman, 3rd Lancers, Hyderabad Contingent, third. In Fencing Foils, Gunner Norman, R. H. A., first; and Sergeant Mather, Norfolk Regiment, second. In Sabres, eighteen competed. The prize was won by Gunner Norman, R. H. A., Sergeant White, Norfolk Regiment, second; Sergeant Hammil, Gymnastic Staff, third. In Tug-of-War semi-finals, the Royal Scots beat Garrison Artillery, the Shropshires beat the Norfolks. The finals now lie between the Royal Scots and the Shropshires, which will be tugged off on Saturday. In Bayonet Combats the Welsh Regiments won the first prize Rs. 108, who beat the Royal Scots. In Lance vs. Mounted Private Black, Royal Scots, first; Sergeant Kerrison, 1st Field Battery, second; and Dr. Orman, R. H. A., third. In the same event for Natives Dafedar Mahomed Umir, 1st Bombay Lancers, first; Havildar Nurkhan, 2nd Bombay Lancers, second; and Sowar Shouket Alli, 1st Lancers, Hyderabad Contingent, third.

DEATH OF MR. GRATTAN GEARY.

THE news of the death of Mr. Grattan Geary, Proprietor and Editor of the *Bombay Gazette* for over twenty years, who had earned high reputation as a publicist and as an author, will cause deep regret not only in this country, but in many places in Great Britain. He was able and conscientious in the discharge of his calling and responsibilities as a journalist; and he was much respected and esteemed in the performance of his civic duties as a member of the Standing Committee and the Municipal Corporation. Mr. Geary, as President of the Corporation, presented to his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor the address of welcome from the inhabitants of Bombay and the valedictory address to H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught at his retirement from this country. As the proprietor of a large printing establishment and printing works for over twenty years, Mr. Geary was always kind, considerate, and courteous to all his employes who regarded him with affectionate respect and esteem. He had been in failing health during the last month. The illness took a serious turn this week; and notwithstanding the best medical treatment, the end came in peace shortly before one o'clock yesterday morning. Thus closed a life of singular success and usefulness. The deepest sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Geary in a wide circle of friends.

FIRST ARRIVAL IN BOMBAY.

Mr. Geary first came out to this country towards the end of 1873 as General Manager of the "Times of India" newspaper. Colonel Lees, Mr. Matthias Mull, and Mr. Martin Wood were then the proprietors of the paper, Mr. Wood being the editor in charge. Differences arose between the partners, and Colonel Lees bought out the other partners. Colonel Lees, while in England, became acquainted with Mr. Geary, who was then the editor and proprietor of a London newspaper; and having formed a favourable opinion of his ability and business aptitudes, engaged him as General Manager of the "Times of India." Mr. Geary arrived in Bombay in November 1873.

After Mr. Geary had worked for six months as General Manager, a further change became necessary. Mr. Martin Wood, owing to fresh differences with Colonel Lees, resigned the editorship of the paper; and Mr. Geary was soon placed in charge as Editor and General Manager, the managerial department being entrusted to Mr. J. B. Murzban as Assistant Manager under Mr. Geary. From his arrival in Bombay Mr. Geary had been writing for the "Times of India" even before he was formally appointed the Editor; and he continued in the active discharge of the duties of the office till November, 1879.

NOTEWORTHY INCIDENTS.

A noticeable incident connected with Mr. Geary's career occurred in 1877. Professor Sims, a professional balloonist, was to ascend in his balloon from the grounds of Lall Baug at Parel, and offered to take up in his balloon any gentleman who wished to go with him. Mr. Geary pluckily accepted the offer and went up on a perilous aerial voyage, which nearly cost him his life. The balloon, starting from the Parel grounds, fell into sea on the eastern side of the harbour, the car which, owing to the weight of the occupants, was immersed in the water, being churned with the gyrations of the balloon overhead. It was dragged in this state for several miles under water. The "Times of India" boat, with Mr. J. B. Murzban the Assistant Manager, which put off from the Apollo Bunder, came up to the balloon and its car about three miles from harbour. The boat could not live in the heavy swell of the sea; and a pilot boat, sent off from the shore, eventually rescued Professor Sims, Mr. Geary, and Mr. J. B. Murzban. As soon as the car was relieved of its weight, the balloon shot up again and was found two days later in some fields at Panwell. Mr. Geary published in the "Times of India" a graphic and humorous account of his balloon adventure, describing how, while seated in the balloon, he ate dall and rice, without the condiment of ghee; how he felt while being churned in the car under water, etc.

Another important incident in connection with Mr. Geary's journalistic career was his ride, in the dress of an Arab, through the whole of Asia Minor and Asiatic Turkey. In 1878-79, he obtained from Colonel Lees three months' privilege leave; and instead of going home, utilised it in the ride in question. His letters, published in the "Times of India," attracted general attention in Europe and were published in several languages; and eventually appeared in book form, in two volumes, under the title of "Through Asiatic Turkey." During the Famine of 1877, Mr. Geary went out in the affected districts as special commissioner for the "Times of India," and by his writings did good service both to the Government and the sufferers.

SEVERANCE OF CONNECTION WITH THE "TIMES OF INDIA."

Mr. Geary eventually severed his connection with the "Times of India." It was in the last week of November, 1879, Mr. Henry Curwen, the Assistant Editor, succeeded him as Editor; and in the "Times of India" of 20th November, 1879, wrote a well-deserved panegyric on Mr. Geary's career as a journalist, which is worthy of reproduction here. It was as follows:—

"In taking leave of a gentleman who has been connected with the "Times of India" as Editor and Manager for nearly seven years, we may be permitted to break through the impersonality that surrounds journalism in India as elsewhere. Mr. Grattan Geary resigned his office only last week, but he has been studying for some time past with a view to an extended exploration of the north-east frontier of Persia, where he may probably have the opportunity of making a dash at Merv. As a traveller Mr. Geary has seen more of the East than falls to the lot of most Anglo-Indians, and during his adventurous journey across Asiatic Turkey in his last vacation he contributed to our columns the best special correspondence that has, we may be allowed to think, yet appeared in any Indian journal. These letters formed the basis of an interesting, trustworthy, and timely book of travel—'Through Asiatic Turkey"—which, published in London, was at once reprinted in America and Germany, and was favourably noticed by the chief organs of public opinion in Europe. In Russia these volumes were discussed not only by the "Golos," but by the "Nova Vremya" and other journals of the advanced school, and it speaks well for their impartiality at a critical time that they all warmly welcomed a work which, if not exactly pro-Turkish, was decidedly not pro-Russian. The same promptitude in dealing with the absorbing topic of the day, the same clearness of style, vividness of expression, and of accuracy about facts that rendered Mr. Geary's book so successful, were, now that he has left us, we may be permitted to say, his distinguishing qualities as a journalist. On arriving in Bombay he introduced the system, hitherto unknown in India, of extensive telegraphic correspondence, and the advantages were so manifest that the system was speedily adopted elsewhere. In the same way the events of the day were discussed by him as they arose with a promptitude, altogether new here, and Mr. Geary may fairly claim to have done much to give a Metropolitan spirit to the Bombay Press. In tone his articles were distinguished by their impartiality, and in policy he adopted what Cavour, speaking of his own journal, termed 'a policy of good sense.' In the Baroda affair, for instance, Mr. Geary's independent and impartial views met with the general approval of the English Press, and ultimately indeed of the Anglo-Indian Press as a whole. We advocated at that time the regeneration of the State of Baroda by means of an honest native administration, and the result has completely justified our policy. The Government were saved from the pitfalls prepared by the annexationists which might easily have precipitated them into interminable difficulties with regard to the Native States generally, not unlike those which within the last few months have marked the departure from a policy of circumspection and good sense beyond the North-West Frontier. In the Famine, again, whether writing in Bombay, or as a Special Commissioner for this paper in the districts, Mr. Geary did good service by insisting in the first instance on the severity of the approaching calamity; and, after this was acknowledged by the dispassionate way in which he noted facts, whether gathered from observation, or from official or native sources, he succeeded in making the difficult conditions of the problem popularly known, here and in England. We believe we are right in saying that the work he did at this time was duly appreciated, not only by the Viceroy, but by H. E. Sir Richard Temple and Sir Michael Kennedy, the very subjects of his criticism. As an active member of the Corporation Mr. Geary took a keen interest in local politics and was associated with all the municipal reforms of the last few years, while he willingly assisted in the public meetings for which Bombay has been noted of late, such as the successful protest against the partial nature of the Licence-Tax, and the protest, still unsuccessful, against the adoption of the broad gauge on the Rajputana Railway. Mr. Geary was not only the editor of this paper, but the business manager as well, and none but those who have been concerned with either office in India can properly appreciate the amount of mental labour that had to be gone through from day to day and year to year in either capacity. The combination of these two offices is unusual, and that Mr. Geary did this double duty for so long a period speaks eloquently of his powers of work. Still, however successful he was in combining the offices of editor and manager, the experiment will not be repeated. In wishing Mr. Grattan Geary a safe journey and a prosperous literary career, we are convinced that his old staff are only expressing the feelings of a large number of friendly contributors, and of the wider circle of the public whom it is the pleasant duty of this journal to address."

PURCHASE OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

In December, 1879, Mr. John Macfarlane, solicitor, opened negotiations, on behalf of an unknown purchaser, with Mr. J. M. Maclean, M. P., Editor and Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*, for the purchase of the paper. The negotiations proceeded on the understanding that the name of the purchaser was not to be disclosed until the bargain paper was signed. The late Mr. D. MacLauchlan Slater was appointed an assessor on behalf of Mr. Geary, and the late Mr. John Marshall on behalf of Mr. Maclean. The assessors agreed upon the price, and the purchase was, after some difficulty, completed. Mr. Geary took charge of the "Bombay Gazette" on the 1st January, 1880, appointing as the Manager Mr. J. B. Murzban, who was Assistant Manager under him in the "Times of India."

TO THE BURMA WAR.

On the breaking out of the war with Burma, Mr. Geary proceeded to that country as special correspondent for his paper, after having appointed Professor Peterson as acting editor and several contributors to assist him. Mr. Geary's letters from the seat of war attracted much general notice throughout the country and in England, and were subsequently published in book form under the title "Burma after the Conquest," the copyright of which was purchased by Messrs. Samson and Low of London.

MR. GEARY'S SERVICES TO THE MUNICIPALITY.

Mr. Geary rendered signal services to the city for many years as a member of the Municipal Corporation, the Town Council, and the Standing Committee. He handled with great ability and remarkable comprehensiveness the various questions that came up before the Corporation, whether they related to the drainage, the water-supply, the sanitation, or the financial position of the Municipality, so much so that he was frequently able to carry the Corporation with him in matters affecting the vital interests of the city. No important question cropped up at the Corporation meetings, in which he did not take an active part; and it has been admitted that few European members ever took such a long and sustained interest in municipal affairs. As a reward for his long and honourable connection with the Corporation, he was in April, 1889, appointed president of that body. During his presidentship he had the rare good fortune of presenting addresses to two members of the Royal Family and two of the Governors of Bombay. It was during his presidentship that the late Prince Albert Victor of Wales came to India; and was presented by Mr. Geary as the first citizen of Bombay, with an address from the Corporation. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who took his departure from India about the middle of 1889, was presented with a valedictory address by the Corporation, which Mr. Geary, as their President, had the honour of reading to and handing over to his Royal Highness at the Apollo Bunder. Mr. Geary had, moreover, the good fortune to be the mouthpiece of the Corporation who presented addresses to Lord Reay, the retiring Governor of Bombay, and Lord Harris, who succeeded him as Governor.

Mr. Geary was married in Ireland in 1881, and leaves behind his wife and two sons, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt among all sections and classes of the community.

THE FUNERAL.

Mr. Geary's funeral took place last evening at the Sewree Cemetery in the presence of a large gathering of mourners. Besides his immediate friends, the whole of the office establishment of the *Bombay Gazette* were present to pay a last tribute of respect to their employer. The cortege reached the cemetery about half-past five o'clock. The coffin was of polished teak with brass fittings and was covered with numerous floral wreaths. A brass tablet surmounting it bore the simple inscription

"GRATTAN GEARY.
"Died to-day.
"5th September 1900."

The Rev. J. Hoare, Rector of St. Xavier's College, officiated.

Amongst those present at the cemetery were:—The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Fulton; Dr. John Pollen, Commissioner of Customs; Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Knight; the Hon'ble Mr. C. T. Burke, Chairman, Bombay Port Trust; Mr. T. J. Bennett; Mr. G. C. Plinston, Lieutenant-Colonel G. Waters, I.M.S.; Dr. D. Macdonald, Registrar, Bombay University; Mr. E. M. Slater; Mr. S. Rebsch, Chairman, Bombay Improvement Trust; Major R. W. Lyons, I.M.S.; Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. Boyd, I.M.S; Rev. Father Bochum; Mr. C. W. L. Jackson; Mr. W. R. Hamilton; Mr. H. W. Williams, Major Crimmin, V. C., I. M. S.; Mr. A. Leslie, of Messrs. Greaves, Cotton and Co., Mr. James Latimer; Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner of Bombay; Mr. Playford Reynolds; Professor O. S. and Mrs. Pedraza; Mr. J. Leask, Acting Health Officer, Bombay Municipality; Mr. A. T. Spalding; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gorman; Mr. A. Zygouras, of Messrs. Ralli Brothers; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bennett; Dr. (Miss) Bradley; Dr. Cawasji Hormusji; Mr. E. N. Lambrinoudi, of Messrs. Ralli Brothers; Mr. R. A. Willis; Mr. Leask; Mr. F. M. Flower; Mr. Pechey; Rev. Father W. Shapter; Mr. R. W. Campion; Mr. F. F. Gordon; Mr. G. E. Xydis, of Messrs. Ralli Brothers; Mr. D. J. Tata; Mr. N. M. Dumasia; Mr. Jehanghir Dossabhoy Framji; Mr. N. S. Talati; the Rev. Charles Gilder; Mr. Michael De Quadros; Mr. Rustomji Pestonji Karkaria; Mr. Mir Aua Ali; Khan Sahib S. A. Moos; Rao Bahadur V. K. Vandekar; Mr. Kilen; Mr. Edulji Rustomji Reporter; Mr. Kaikhosbroo Dadabhoy Nadirshaw; Mr. F. A. Pereira; Mr. Narayen V. Ghumre; Mr. Fonseca and others. Letters and telegrams expressing regret at their inability to be present were received from numerous friends. Numerous wreaths were placed in the coffin. Amongst those who sent wreaths and crosses were the Hon'ble Sir Lawrence and Lady Jenkins; Mr. J. N. Tata; Mrs. and Mr. R. A. Willis, members of the literary and commercial staff; Colonel Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bennett; Mr. N. S. Talati; Mr. D. J. Tata; Mr. N. M. Dumasia; Mr. D. C. Oomrigar and others. One very beautiful wreath was sent by Messrs. Ralli Brothers as "a tribute from the Greek community."

REFERENCE AT THE CORPORATION.

On the Hon. Mr. C. T. Burke taking his seat as President of the usual monthly meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Mr. Mehta said that before the members proceeded with the business of the meeting he thought it only right that they should do something to express the great regret over the sad news they had heard, namely, of the death of Mr. Grattan Geary who was connected with the Corporation for many years. He had served for seventeen years as a Councillor, and his career had been a most useful and valuable one to Municipal affairs. He had served during a time when there were men who gave a high tone to Municipal debates, and the Corporation as a body was better for the presence among its members of such men as Mr. Geary. Besides being a member of the Corporation he had served for some years on the Standing Committee and was President of the Corporation in the year 1889-90, and had acquitted himself of his duties in as admirable a manner as Mr. Mehta said he was glad to say all their Presidents had acquitted themselves. In addition Mr. Geary was a personage of civil distinctions in the city. He was the editor of the "Times of India" for many years and had afterwards joined the "Bombay Gazette." In connection with both papers his career as a journalist was well known. He had also published a book giving his experiences of a journey through Asiatic Turkey, which book being brought out when the Eastern question had first loomed in the distance had been well received by the English and Continental press. Mr. Mehta said he was sure the city must regret the death of such a distinguished citizen, and that under the circumstances it was only right that the Corporation should take some means of showing the same. He proposed "That the Corporation are deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Grattan Geary, who, as a member of the Corporation for 17 years, and of the Standing Committee for two years, and as President of the Corporation in 1889-90, and also in other capacities than as a member of the Corporation, had rendered valuable services to the city; that the meeting do now adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory. That a copy of this resolution be communicated to Mrs. Geary with an expression of the Corporation's sincere sympathy in her heavy bereavement."

The Hon. Sir Bhalchundra Krishna, in seconding the resolution, said he entirely agreed with all that had fallen from Mr. Mehta. He had known Mr. Geary during the time he was President of the Corporation, and found him to be a gentleman who had always taken a great interest in education. The city had lost a useful citizen and the members of the Corporation a personal friend.

Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee agreed with the remarks of the previous speakers. As one who had been associated with Mr. Geary in the Corporation, Town Council, and Standing Committee he was sure the deceased had rendered most useful and eminent services to the city, and especially in connection with the inspection of the Tansa Water Works scheme.

The Hon. Mr. Sayani supported the resolution and concurred with the other speakers.

Mr. D. E. Watcha said he had known Mr. Geary from the day he first landed in India, and apart from his work in the Corporation thought he had assisted the Municipality in many ways. He was a man of great culture and of broad mind.

This resolution having been passed in silence, the meeting stood adjourned to Monday.

MILITARY NEWS.

CONSEQUENT on the reduction of the Political Officer's escort at Gilgit the complement of Government mules there will be reduced from 150 to 100, the surplus animals returning to India this autumn.

The organisation on mobilisation of a Base Transport Depot, consisting of a Base Transport Officer and eight sections has been approved by Government. The Field Service Departmental Code will be corrected accordingly.

It is proposed that native officers, non-commissioned officers and men temporally detached from corps in India for Field Service in China should be seconded and replaced, and that those displaced on the return of the expeditionary force should be borne on supernumerary lists until absorbed.

Captain Brown, 25th Madras Infantry, has been appointed Adjutant of the Bangalore Rifle Volunteers vice Captain Bruce, rejoined his regiment.

Sergeant-Major James McEven, with the depot of the Border Regiment at home, has been promoted to the Quarter-Mastership of the 2nd battalion of the regiment.

The following officers are permitted to leave India for South Africa:—Lieutenants Johnston, 1st North Staffordshire Regiment, Roche, 1st Wiltshire Regiment, Ingles, 1st West Yorkshire Regiment, and Major Firth, R. A. M. C.

Major Ker, I. M. S., will continue to officiate as Secretary to the Principal Medical Officer of Her Majesty's Forces in India, during the absence of Major Shearer on leave.

Major Cowper, 10th Bengal Lancers, takes up temporarily the appointment of D. A. Q. M. G. at Army Head-quarters, Simla.

A proposal to establish a cantonment hospital at Solon is now under consideration.

Captain Hewett, Royal West Kent Regiment, has been selected for appointment as Professor in the Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada.

Colonel Maunsell, Royal Army Medical Corps, will be retired on the 24th September, on attaining the prescribed age.

Major R. H. Firth, R. A. M. C., District Sanitary Officer of Rawalpindi, has been selected to succeed Colonel Nolter, of the same service, resigned, as Professor of Military Hygiene at Netley Medical School, the pay being £1,500 per annum.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA ATHLETIC AND SPORTING MEETING.

MESSRS. H. S. SYMONS and T. L. ROBERTS, hon. secretaries of the above meeting, have just issued their annual programme. The events will commence on Oct. 29th and continue to Nov. 3rd. There are 27 competitions in the Athletic Meeting, for which there are many valuable prizes and challenge cups. The entries must be sent in by Saturday, October 20th. The mounted sports are on Thursday and Friday, October 31st and November 1st, entries for which also close on October 20th. In case it is impossible to finish the competitions on the dates named an extra day's sports will be held on November 3rd. The Rugby Football Tournament will take place during the week ending October 6th. A bowling handicap is fixed for October 15th, entries closing on October 13th. There are also three golf competitions—bogey, medal and foursomes—commencing on September 24th and continuing through the week. The entries for these events close on September 22nd. The programme is a good one, embracing all branches of sport, and given fine weather the meeting should be very successful.

THE RETURN PRESIDENCY MATCH.

THE following gentlemen have been selected to play for the Parsees against the Presidency XI. at Poona on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 13th, 14th, and 15th instant:—Mr. D. D. Kanga (captain), Messrs. A. H. Mehta, M. D. Balsara, D. E. Mody, B. M. Billimoria, K. M. Mistry, B. D. Gagrat, H. D. Kanga, S. Pochkhanawalla, K. Driver, M. C. Bapasola. Umpire Mr. K. C. Lalkaka, scorer and secretary Mr. J. M. Divecha.

THE HYDERABAD VOLUNTEERS

RIFLE MEETING.

THE sixteenth Annual Rifle Meeting of the Hydarabad Volunteers, which commenced on the 22nd, closed on Monday evening with the distribution of prizes by Mrs. Barr. The meeting this year has been a great success, the number of competitors at the ranges having been twice as many as that of any previous year. This fact is attributed to the recent orders of the Commander-in-Chief in India to encourage shooting among Volunteers. The shooting has been of a high order, and some of the principal matches were closely contested.

Mrs. Barr having distributed the prizes, the Resident addressed the prize-winners. It gave him as much pleasure, he said, to have the opportunity of addressing them, as it did Mrs. Barr in giving away the prizes. He had always taken a deep interest in the Volunteer movement, and he would personally interest himself in the welfare of the Hyderabad Volunteers, for whose advancement, if he could do anything, he would gladly do it. He was glad to observe so large a number of prize-winners. The aim of volunteering, however, was not only to win prizes for shooting, but to strive to maintain the honour and prestige of the Empire by a complete cultivation of every qualification of soldiering, so that, as subjects of her Majesty, they would be able to combine loyalty with utility in such a manner as to prove that volunteering was not taken up for amusement, but with a determination to intensify the protective strength of the Empire and make its power and influence felt. And this was amply demonstrated in the case of two of their officers who had elected to bear arms in South Africa for the honour and glory of their country. Such an example, he hoped, would operate towards the motives which prompted enlistment as a Volunteer. The Empire was now more than ever disposed to turn to its Volunteers for support, and if they would only bear this in mind, they would, he was sure, adhere more vigorously and more earnestly to the cause of volunteering. He was glad indeed to find that the corps was in a creditable condition, and that there had been an increase in marksmen from 23 to 82.

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE DESTINY OF THE COURT THEATRE.

THE PROMENADE CONCERTS.

LONDON, AUG. 17.

THE Court Theatre in Sloane-square presents for the moment a somewhat forlorn appearance; but silence and closed doors are just now rather the rule than the exception with theatres of the higher class. What is more noteworthy is that the Court is without a prospective tenant, or is at least offering itself by public announcement to enterprising managers "with immediate possession." The theatre is interesting as the only suburban house now remaining which has been persistently conducted on the principle of the West-end comedy houses, as distinguished from the system of brief revivals by relays of travelling companies. Messrs. Arthur Chudleigh and Dion Boucicault have, on the contrary, relied on permanent companies, and their policy has been a bold one, since they have produced many original and notable pieces by English authors. Mr. R. C. Carton's bright and clever comedy, "Wheels Within Wheels," produced in May of last year, and Captain Marshall's ingenious and amusing "comedy of romance," entitled "A Royal Family," brought out in the following October, will at once occur to playgoers. The latter piece held its ground till the 10th of February last, when it was acted for the last time. Since then the Court has remained closed, with the exception of one or two evenings given up in a tentative way to a two-act "classical play" called "The Teraph."

It will be much to be regretted if the Court Theatre should be compelled to adopt the suburban principle, and the more so as it will shortly have a near rival in this way in the Carlyle Theatre, now in course of erection in the King's-road, Chelsea. It has had, on the whole, a distinguished career. The older Court Theatre, which stood nearly opposite on the other side of the way, was opened by the late Miss Litton with Mr. Gilbert's new play "Randall's Thumb," on the 25th of January, 1871. Here was also produced Mr. Gilbert's political satire, "The Happy Land," which though its wit and humour were sadly curtailed by the intervention of the licenser of plays, long continued to draw the fashionable world to Sloane-square. Succeeding managers were Mr. Hare, Mr. Wilson Barrett, and, finally, Messrs. John Clayton and Arthur Cecil, who produced here Mr. Pinero's brilliant farces, The Magistrate, The School-mistress, and Dandy Dick. The new Court Theatre was opened on the 24th of September, 1888, by Mrs. John Wood and Mr. Arthur Chudleigh, with a comedy from the French entitled Mamma. The night will be remembered for the riotous revolt of the pittites, irritated by some alleged defects in the pit approaches.

The alleged appearance of Mr. Kruger on the London stage is now very substantially confirmed by a correspondent, who is nothing if not exact in the matter of dates and localities. It was, according to this authority, on the 9th of March, 1864 (the year, it will be noted, of the centenary of Shakespeare's birth, when Mr. Kruger is said to have visited England) that the present President of the Transvaal appeared in the part of Hamlet at the Pavilion Theatre in the Whitechapel-road. The entire cast, indeed, is forthcoming, including Miss Constance Young, "the leading stock lady" and a handsome young actress as Ophelia, Mr. Charles Robinson as Laertes, Mrs. Charles Robinson as Queen Gertrude, and Mr. William Harmer, "the East-end favourite," as the First Gravedigger. We are further told that Mr. Alfred Saville, brother of the late Lady Martin, was stage-door keeper at the time; that the foreign accent which pervaded the utterances of the young Prince of Denmark did not please the East-end folk, and finally that Mr. Kruger was no more seen. Here is surely circumstantiality enough to guide the researches of any curious explorer of the theatrical papers of the period; but Kruger being a common name in Dutch communities it is obvious that some more evidence will be required than the actor's foreign accent or the appearance in the playbill of the words "Hamlet, Mr. P. Kruger."

The forthcoming season of German plays at the Comedy Theatre will involve a somewhat novel arrangement. As we have already stated, the performances in the German language, which will extend over six months, will be given on three nights in each week only. The theatre, however, will not remain closed on the alternate nights, but will be occupied by an English company with a wholly different class of entertainments. There will also be throughout the season occasional matinees in English, but none in German. About the middle of October is the date contemplated for the commencement of Messrs. Schultz-Curtius and J. T. Grein's enterprise, which, it is hoped, may result in the establishment of a permanent German theatre in London.

A prospectus has also been forwarded to us of a new German Dramatic Society. It is, we gather, to be the medium of introducing German dramatic art to the British nation, by giving first-class performances of literary plays in German. The enterprise is under the direction of Herr Carl Schonfeld as actor and manager. Herr Schonfeld ought to be a valuable acquisition to the society, for, besides enjoying an excellent reputation in Germany as a stage manager and dramatic author, the prospectus assures us that as an actor he impersonates any character with great success.

Last autumn two series of Promenade Concerts were being given in the metropolis concurrently, the one at the Covent Garden Opera House and the other at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place. This autumn, however, finds Mr. Robert Newman in sole possession of the field, and he has arranged to begin his sixth season at the Queen's Hall on the evening of Saturday, the 25th inst, when the Orchestra will be of the same standard of excellence as in past years, though it has been strengthened by the acquisition of a few new comers, Mr A. V. Bellinski, late principal Violin of the Crystal Palace Orchestra, and M. T Fonteyne, a remarkably fine Oboe and Cor Anglais player, from Brussels, bring among the number, and when Mr. Henry J. Wood will again act as Conductor. The season will extend over ten weeks, and it has been decided that the first part of the programme each Monday evening shall be devoted to a selection from the works of Richard Wagner, while on Tuesdays it is to be of a popular character, but is to include a Concerto either for pianoforte or violin with orchestra. On Wednesdays the first part of the programme will be occupied by symphonic works, and on Thursdays the scheme will again be of a popular character, once more including a Concerto. On Fridays the earlier part of the evening will be set apart for the works of Beethoven, and on Saturdays the music to be performed will be wholly of a popular kind, and will include neither Symphony nor Concerto. The second part of the programme each night will commence with a selection from some favourite grand opera, with solos for various instrumentalists, and the rest of the evening will be occupied by songs and light orchestral pieces. On the Beethoven nights (Fridays) it is in contemplation to perform the whole of the great composer's nine symphonies in their numerical order, starting with number one (in C) on the first Friday. Numerous favourite vocalists are to appear in the course of the season, and during the interval in the programme each night an interesting series of animated war pictures, from the Polytechnic, will be exhibited in the small hall. Although the season this year extends over ten weeks, there will be no increase in the price of season tickets, which remains at one guinea, a very modest sum for sixty excellent musical performances.

Sir Arthur Sullivan is engaged in the composition of a new work of an elegiac character, in memory of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. The work, which will not be a very lengthy one, will be scored for chorus and orchestra, and will probably obtain its first public hearing at the opening concert of the Royal Choral Society's new season at the Royal Albert Hall, of which Society the Duke was, up to the time of his death, the President.

The Carl Rosa Opera Company has been reorganised by its former manager, Mr. T. H. Friend, and commenced last week, with a performance of Gounod's Faust in the Devonshire Park Theatre at Eastbourne, a lengthy provincial tour. There was a large audience at the opening performance, when the part of Marguerite was sung by Mlle. Aurelia Revy, a young artist of one and twenty, who has already several times appeared on the concert platform, and who, during the recently concluded season at the Covent Garden Opera House, sang the part of Helmwiege, one of the Walkyrie Daughters in Wagner's "Der Ring des Nibelungen." The Faust on the opening night was Herr Julius Walther, a new German tenor; Miss Maude Barnett was the Siebel, obtaining an encore with the English version of "Parlate d'amor"; Mr. Arthur Deane was the Valentine, and Mr. Alex Bevan the Mephistopheles. The rest of the week was devoted to familiar operas.

The International Loan Exhibition of Musical Instruments at the Crystal Palace, opened last month, is to be closed in October. The exhibition is of a very interesting character, and has been designed to illustrate the progress and advance of musical art during the nineteenth century, though for purposes of comparison the collection includes many specimens of a much earlier date. In the first four classes, Resonating Substances, Vibrating Membranes, Wind Instruments, and Stringed Instruments, the European instruments are set out as far as possible, in chronological order, while the instruments of other countries, grouped in a subsequent class, afford an illustration of yet earlier tone producers. Thus it is possible to trace the gradual evolution of the modern clarionet from the Zummarah and Arghoul of the days of the old Egyptians, and to find in the simple African hunting bow the precursor of the modern violin. The exhibits, which number over a thousand, include curious specimens of popular instruments from China, Thibet, Africa, India, Japan, and other countries, and a section of the exhibition is devoted to manuscript scores, autographs of famous composers and executants, and portraits and caricatures of distinguished musicians. Among the keyboard instruments shown are the pianoforte made for Napoleon I, for the use of Marie Louise, the antique square pianoforte which her Majesty the Queen was using at Kensington Palace at the time of her accession, the grand pianoforte used by Anton Rubinstein at his first appearance at the Philharmonic Concerts in 1857, and the Broadwood grand pianoforte played upon by Chopin in the Recitals he gave in London in 1848, and in the Music Court in the South Nave there is also a Handel Collection, which includes autographs, portraits, and interesting relics of the famous composer, as well as a complete set of orchestral instruments contemporary with Handel, together with full scores, parts, &c., numbering 114 volumes, a unique collection formerly used by the private orchestra maintained by Sir Samuel Hellier, and which has never been previously exhibited.

AHMEDABAD NEWS.

OUR Ahmedabad correspondent writes:—Khan Bahadur Jehangir Pestonji Vakil is appointed president of the local municipality. Mr. Jehangir was never in the field, being a person of retired habits and quiet disposition. The authorities were very anxious to find a fit successor to the late Ranchorlal Chotalal and Manibhai Premabhai. The appointment has given entire satisfaction here, also owing to the charitable nature of Mr. Jehangir, who fed hundreds of people during the famine, in his own bungalow every day.

The Guzerat College has sustained a great loss in the death of its principal, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Davies, D. D., which lamentable event took place on Monday. The deceased served as principal of the college for a period of five years, during which time he endeared himself to his colleagues and pupils. He was known to be a very powerful speaker, as his advice given to his pupils at the opening ceremony of the college, which was performed by H. E. Lord Sandhurst, was considered very sound and wholesome, by all who were present on the occasion. At the Northcote shield prize match, which took place only last month, the learned principal offered two prizes to his own pupils, who were the best in bowling and batting. The deceased was for a long time suffering from anæmia which resulted in his death at the age of 62. He leaves behind him a widow, a son and a daughter to mourn his loss.

The mortality of the week ending August 30, remains as high as before, the total number of deaths being 920, as against 987 of the previous week. Of these 471 died from fever, 87 from cholera, 45 from diarrhœa, 29 from dysentery, 61 from respiratory diseases and 107 from starvation, 80 births were registered during the week, 180 deaths were attributed to the refugees in the town.

An interesting case of cheating was disposed of the other day by the City Magistrate, in which Jamna Kakal and six others were charged with defrauding one Maneklal Maganlal to the extent of Rs. 760. The prosecution began with the deposition of the complainant, his brother and his gumasta, which showed that there was a Mahatma, who is not yet arrested and who pretended to find out some treasure which lay buried in the compound of the complainant's bungalow. The Mahatma examined the ground of the bungalow and said that he would be able to find out treasure trove, lying underneath it. Some days after, a part of the ground was excavated and a copper vessel supposed to be full of treasure was seen. Upon it was observed a cobra sitting, as guardian of the treasure, according to the old Hindu tradition. This convinced the complainant, who went with the Mahatma to Benares and other places of pilgrimage and spent some hundreds of rupees with the hope of getting the supposed untold wealth lying in the ground. Sometime after, the complainant saw that he was being duped by the sudden disappearance of the Mahatma and the revelation of the plot made by the accused. Accused Nos. 2 and 3 confessed their crime before the third class magistrate of Ahmedabad, which revealed the secrets of the whole case. Nos. 6 and 7 were discharged and the rest were convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment, varying from five to twelve months.

THE BENE-ISRAEL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting of the Bene-Israel Benevolent Society was held at the Israel Mohola, Khadak, in the Bene-Israel New Synagogue, on Sunday. There were present Lieutenant-Colonel G. P. Waters J. P., (chairman), Professor W. M. Haffkine, C.I.E., Messrs. David Sassoon, A. G. Mackenzie, the Resident Superintendent of the Common Jail, Abraham A., Garl Syed Abdool Kadir Alddrasey and the Bene-Israel gentlemen.

Col. Waters, in his speech, referred to the good which the Society did among the poor, for charity had ever been an Israelitish virtue. He congratulated them on their good management, and hoped the Society would continue to do good work.

Mr. Joseph Abraham read the report, which pointed out with thankfulness that the members had escaped the ravages of plague. The income amounted to Rs. 1,077 and the expenditure absorbed Rs. 1,019, of this Rs. 729 were spent in support of the poor and Rs. 50 in clothing. The Society has existed nearly half a century and during that period thousands of men, women and children have been befriended. The people of England have but a faint idea of the poverty of our people and the sufferings of the poor wards of the Society. The committee trust that their brethren in the Far West will move themselves to help them to build an asylum in connection with the Society, as it is impossible to collect the needful amount in this country, which has its heavy burdens to bear in connection with the terrible judgments of God which are afflicting her.

On the proposition of Khan Saheb David Solomon Pezarker, seconded by Mr. E. M. Ezekiel, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, and the proceedings then terminated.

BOMBAY NATIVE GENERAL LIBRARY.

THE annual report of this library for last year shows the institution to be in a fairly prosperous state. The membership is maintained, but the expenditure exceeded the income by Rs. 782, the year opening with a credit cash balance of Rs. 4,969, and closed with a credit balance of Rs. 1,410. The vast amount of sickness caused many members to depart from Bombay, and in consequence there are many subscriptions outstanding, but the report points out that several have attempted to evade payment.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa whether arising from teething or other causes. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SCOTLAND *VS* THE WORLD.

A LARGE gathering turned out to witness the Rugby football match played on the Oval last evening. Before the ball was set rolling the Scots looked so strong on paper that the cry was "Scotland for ever!" but it was soon evident that the World could not only hold their own, but that the forward line was so much superior to that of their opponents, that it contributed in a large measure to the success achieved by the representatives hailing from places other than Bonnie Scotland. The spectators evinced the keenest interest in the game, both sides being urged on to doughty deeds. The World scored two tries in the first half, no score being recorded in the second moiety of the game, although both sides were nearly scoring in the second half. The referee, Mr. Marshall Reid, had to impose several penalties on both sides committing frequent breaches of the rules.

Play was started with Scotland kicking off from the Marine Lines end, and almost immediately Reid initiated a run. Up and down play followed, Browne being very prominent in the forward line. The World had a good chance of scoring within five minutes of the start but bad passing in the three-quarter line millified the advantage. Scotland made an effort to break away but Hammond, who played a fine forward game throughout the evening, spoilt a good run, and play was taken into the Scottish 25, where Weatherall got possession, and by a tricky run got past the defence and scored a try which Vines failed to convert. Set rolling again, Tucker showed out brilliantly, and then Arnott put the World's goal in danger, Simpson, who tackled smartly throughout the game, holding Arnott while he was not in possession gave the Scots a free kick but no advantage resulted. Armstrong made one or two sprints, and eventually from a scrum near the Scottish touch line White jumped across and secured the second try for the World, and again was the point not made a Major. Re-started the World were again aggressive, and Skene averted disaster, but Simpson smartly returned the sphere, and play raged in the Scottish country. Half time closed with the ball in the Scottish 25.

In the second half, Ross went half back and played up with great cleverness, but despite his exertions and those of the other Scotchmen they were unable to get past the defence of their opponents. From the kick off in the second moiety, Thornton made a very fine run, but passed to Vines just a trifle too soon. The ball remained in front of the Scotch goal, and had Vines in instead of trying to drop a goal an addition to the score seemed almost certain. Arnott and Boyes worked hard after this, and The World's goal was jeopardised, but play was soon carried back to the Scottish quarter. Tucker got across but was held up. Vines made a chinching run to relieve pressure and Scotland soon after was awarded penalty kick which Ross took. He sent the ball a fine height, but the wind carried it out. At this juncture several breaches of the rules occured and the light failing, the game became slow. The players were nearly all done, Brown at the end of the game as the match was played with great spirit from start to finish.

The following were the sides:—

Scotland.—Gunner Thomas, back; Rock, Kelly, Skene and Armstrong, three-quarter backs; Scrymgeour and Reid, half backs; and Ferrier, Arnott, Boyes, Cadell, Shanks, Stoddart, Innes, Ker, and Gunner Irons, forwards.

World.—Graham-Simpson, back; Vines, Cole, Gunner Weatherall and Gunner Webb, three-quarter backs; Ward and Tucker, half-backs; and Gunner Breta, Thornton, White, Malyne, Harman, Browne, Thomas, and Morland, forwards.

Score.—The World 6 points; Scotland nil.

Referee—Mr. Marshall Reid.

INCREASED ASSESSMENT OF PANDAY'S SANITARIUM.

At the Small Causes Court on Wednesday, Mr. C. W. Chitty, Chief Judge, investigated the appeal preferred by the trustees of the Merwanji Framji Panday Charitable Funds, against the Municipal Commissioner in respect of the amended assessment of the premises, known as the Merwan Bag or Panday Sanitarium, at Wodehouse Road, Colaba. Mr. E. B. Raikes, barrister-at-law, instructed by Messrs. Bicknell, Merwanji and Motilal, solicitors, appeared for the appellants, while Mr. Robertson, barrister-at-law, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Co., solicitors, represented the respondent.

The appellants in their petition stated that they were the trustees under two indentures of trusts, dated the 19th day of July, 1862, and 24th day of March, 1875, of certain charitable funds, known as Sett Merwanji Framji Panday Charitable Funds. The funds included *inter alia* certain immovable property, situated at Wodehouse Road, Colaba, known by the name of "Merwan Bag" and devoted for charitable purposes, being a sanitarium founded and erected by Merwanji Framji Panday and granted to the trustees for the benefit and use of the Parsi community as a sanitarium and convalescent house. The founders had set apart certain portions, including stables and out-houses, for the occupation of the chairman of the trustees for the time being. It was directed by the deed "that the chairman shall not be at liberty to let or derive any income from the portion so set apart for him, and it is necessary for the chairman to reside in the sanitarium personally to look after and manage the affairs of the sanitarium and thus carry out the obligations imposed upon him by the terms of the trust deed." The petitioners further stated that ever since the foundation of the sanitarium, the trustees having considered it necessary that a medical superintendent should reside night and day on the premises, set aside certain quarters for his residence, and for a dispensary. The whole of the premises had always been exempt from payment of the general municipal tax and no attempt had been made to levy such tax on any portion, except on the chairman's quarters. An assessment of the chairman's quarters was made in 1888, but on appeal the Chief Presidency Magistrate exempted the quarters from payment of the tax. In the year 1889, the then Municipal Commissioner under the Bombay Municipal Act 1888, again assessed the chairman's quarters for the purpose of levying the general tax, but the late Mr. W. E. Hart, Chief Judge, Small Causes Court, on appeal held that the question was res judicata and allowed the appeal with costs. The present Municipal Commissioner in January last treated the whole of the sanitarium as six separate properties, and assessed each of them under different street and ward numbers and by several notices intimated that he had cancelled the assessment book for the year 1899-1900 and cancelled the entry exempting the said sanitarium from the general tax and had fixed the annual net rateable value in respect thereof for assessment purposes as under:—The main building of the sanitarium from Nos. 1 to 60 and 66 and 67 at Rs. 5,705; the chairman's quarters at Rs. 1,020; the medical superintendent's residential quarters at Rs. 225; and one of the rooms occupied by the medical superintendent at Rs. 75. The petitioners submitted that under Section 143 Clause A of the City of Bombay Municipal Act of 1888, the sanitarium including the chairman's and doctor's quarters and the dispensary, exempt from payment of the general tax. The petitioners further submitted that the question of assessment of the chairman's quarters including the stables and out-houses assessed under the notices were res judicata. They therefore appealed under Section 217 of the Act against the amendment made in the assessment book and valuation of the premises might be exempted from general taxes under the aforesaid Section 143 of the Act and that the net rateable value be reduced to Rs. 6,450.

Mr. Robertson raised a general issue whether the premises were exempted from general tax as regarded the whole or any part thereof.

Mr. Raikes raised an issue to the effect whether having regard to the decisions of Mr. Crawley Boevey of 1st March, 1888, and of the late Mr. Hart of 1st May, 1889, the question as regarded the chairman's quarters and stables was or was not res judicata.

Mr. Robertson on behalf of the respondent, contended that under the Act if any part of the building in question was not occupied exclusively for charitable purposes, the whole building became liable to be assessed. He said that since the decision of the late Mr. Hart, the circumstances with regard to the building had been changed. No rent was then charged, while at present the appellants charged rent for a part of the building.

Mr. Raikes submitted that under the deed the chairman was to entirely manage the sanitarium and for the proper carrying out of the charity it was necessary that he should reside on the premises and his residence was therefore exclusively for the purpose of charity. At first patients were freely admitted, but since the municipality levied the water and balelcore taxes, a fee of one rupee was charged per head on admission to defray the taxes and expenses for sweeping and cleaning the premises. As the municipality increased their taxes, the fee of one rupee was enhanced to two rupees per head on admission from August 1891. The amount realised by the fees, was applied towards defraying the taxes, expenses for lighting, cleaning and whitewashing the premises. The fee of two rupees was charged every fortnight, but as the chairman had a discretion under the deed, this fee was not universally received.

Evidence in the case was heard and the case was adjourned.

THE FAMINE.

INDIAN FAMINE CHARITABLE RELIEF FUND.

THE eleventh meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the above Fund was held last Monday in the Treasury Buildings, Sir Francis Maclean in the chair. The following members were present:—Hon'ble Mr. J. H. Sutherland, Rai Hari Ram Goenka Bahadur, Hon'ble Prince Buktyar Shah, Mr. A. F. Cox, (Honorary Secretary), Maharaj Kumar Prodyab Coomar Tagore. The chairman mentioned that in response to an application from him the Government of India had agreed to continue for another half year their monthly grant of Rs. 1,500 for carrying on the office work of the Committee. Further applications for funds having been received from the provinces it was decided to allot Rs. 75,000 each to Rajputana, Bombay and Berar. In view of the temporary absence of the Honourable Sir Francis Maclean from Calcutta, it was unanimously resolved to invite Mr. A. F. Cox to accept the post of chairman.

BOMBAY SEASON REPORTS.

The following Season Reports for the week ending 4th September 1900 were published in yesterday's "Government Gazette":—

Karachi.—River at Kotri on 3rd 18 feet 7 1-5 inches against 15 feet on same date last year. Cultivation continues in barani tracts, where more rain is still needed. Standing crops flourishing. Condition of cattle fair. Price of wheat at Karachi 9, of jowari 10 1-2 of bajri 9 1-2, of rice 6, and of Bombay grass 23 seers per rupee.

Shikarpur.—River 12 feet 11 inches against 9 feet 1 inch on same date last year. Kharif crops progressing. Reaping of rice commenced in Gnotki, taluka. Rabi ploughing commenced in five talukas. Fodder supply sufficient. Price of wheat 12 1-2 of rice 9, and of bajri 13 seers per rupee.

Hyderabad.—No rain during week. Kharif crops flourishing. Cattle in fair condition in two talukas. Price of rice varying from 8 to 11 1-4, of wheat from 9 to 11 1-4, of bajri from 9 to 11, and of jowari from 9 to 14 seers per rupee. Price of dry karbi varying from 3 annas to 14 annas and of green karbi from 3 annas to 8 annas per maund.

Upper Sind Frontier.—Kharif crops flourishing. Til crops injured by insects. Rabi ploughing commenced. Deficiency of water in Shahdadpur taluka. Green grass available. Fodder supply sufficient. Price of jowari 11 seers 8 chataks, of bajri 11 seers 5 chataks, of wheat 10 seers 6 chataks, and of rice 8 seers 2 chataks per rupee.

Thar and Parkar.—No rain during week. Crops in the desert and valley flourishing. Water supply in the Nara Valley improving. Pasture abundant. Prices of staple food-grains falling every where.

Ahmedabad—(For week ending 1st September 1900).—Rain during week, maximum 1 inch 49 cents at Gogha, minimum 05 cent at Viramgam; for season maximum 24 inches 25 cents at Parantij, minimum 13 inches 31 cents at Ahmedabad. Sowing of jowari, cotton and other crops in progress. Standing crops in good condition. More rain wanted for rice crops. Agricultural stock in good condition. Green grass sufficient. Prices of food-grains fluctuating. Price of jowari 9 seers, of bajri 8 seers 60 tolas, of wheat 9 seers 40 tolas, and of rice 2nd sort 9 seers per rupee. Price of dry grass, jowari and karbi 25 seers per rupee.

Panch Mahals.—Rain during week, maximum 1 inch 51 cents at Godhra, minimum 70 cents at Halol; for season maximum 22 inches 69 cents at Godhra, minimum 17 inches 37 cents at Jhalod. Standing crops and agricultural stock in good condition. Fodder supply sufficient. Average price of bajri 6 3-4 and of maize 9 seers per rupee.

Kaira—(For week ending 3rd September 1900.)—Rain during week 7 cents at Kaira, in the district maximum 1 inch 37 cents at Borsad, minimum 6 cents at Mahmadabad, for season 18 inches 95 cents at Kaira, maximum 29 inches 2 cents at Borsad minimum 12 inches 42 cents at Kapadvanj. Sowing of jowari and transplantation of rice in progress. Standing crops in good condition. Agricultural stock in fair condition. Green grass available. Average price of wheat 7 1-2 of bajri 7 1-2, and of rice 8 3-4 seers per rupee.

Broach.—Rain during week 23 cents at Broach, in the district maximum 1 inch 28 cents at Vagra; for season 24 inches 84 cents at Broach, maximum 29 inches 18 cents at Amod minimum 18 inches 40 cents at Jambusar. Standing crops in good condition. Sowing of cotton, til and bajri, and weeding operations in progress. Fodder supply sufficient. Condition of agricultural stock improving.

Surat.—Rain during week throughout the district, 42 cents at Surat, in the district maximum 2 inches 22 cents at Pardi, minimum 37 cents at Olpad; for season 31 inches 64 cents at Surat, in the district maximum 85 inches 88 cents at Pardi, minimum 21 inches 17 cents at Olpad. Transplantation of rice completed in all talukas except Mandvi, where re-sowing operations continue. Weeding operations commenced in Bulsar and Pardi talukas and in progress in Chorasi and Bardoli talukas. Standing crops in good condition. Condition of cattle and fodder supply fair.

Colaba (Bombay).—Raindaily except on 4th; total of week 3·52 inches; total to date 64·18 inches, being 4·23 inches above average. Temperature normal on 29th. Abnormal temperature 1° warm on 30th, 1st, 3rd and 4th 1° cool on 31st, and 3° cool on 2nd. Vapour in air normal on 29th, 31st and 2nd, and excessive on all other days. Wind normal throughout the week.

Thana.—Rain during week 5 inches 08 cents at Thana, in the district maximum 6 inches 53 cents at Shahapur, minimum 1 inch 52 cents at Mahim; for season 74 inches 37 cents at Thana, in the district maximum 105 inches 22 cents at Sahapur minimum 40 inches 25 cents at Mahim. Weeding operations in progress. Condition of standing crops good. Condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock good. Price of rice 2nd sort [illegible] seers per rupee 6 3-4 at Mokhada, 8 at Mahim, 8 1-2 at Vada, 8 3-4 at Shahapur, 9 1-4 at Thana and Murbad, 9 1-2 at Dahanu and Umbargaon, 9 3-4 at Kalayan and Bhiwndi and 10 1-4 at Basscin.

Kolaba.—Rain during week throughout the district 2 inches 34 cents at Alibag, in the district maximum 5 inches 82 cents at Panvel, minimum 2 inches 87 cents at Mahad; for season 64 inches 16 cents at Alibag, in the district maximum 129 inches 13 cents at Karjat, minimum 74 inches 59 cents at Uran. Weeding operations in progress. Fodder supply sufficient. Agricultural stock healthy. Price of rice fallen by nearly 2 lbs. per rupee at Alibag, and almost stationary elsewhere.

Ratnagiri.—Rain during week, maximum 4 inches 18 cents at Khed, minimum 09 cents at Devgad. Standing crops in good condition. Fodder supply sufficient. Price of rice at Ratnagiri 9 seers 49 1-2 tolas per rupee, and in the district varying from 8 seers 53 tolas at Sangameshvar to 9 seers 72 tolas at Devgad. Price of nagli at Ratnagiri 9 seers 32 tolas per rupee, and in the district varying from 9 seers 45 tolas at Dapoli to 14 seers 30 tolas at Malvan.

Khandesh.—Rain during week in all talukas except Dhulia, Amalner and Raver talukas and Edalabad petha, maximum 1 inch 52 cents at Navapur, minimum 4 cents at Erandol; for season 11 inches 13 cents at Dhulia, average in the district 19 inches 27 cents. Standing crops in good condition. Weeding operations in progress. Condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock good.

Nasik.—Rain during week 25 cents and for season 23 inches 18 cents at Nasik. Rainfall sufficient in all talukas except Malegaon and Nandgaon where it is urgently wanted. Sowing of bajri and other kharif crops nearly completed throughout the district. Transplantation of rice continues in Peint talukas. Lands being prepared for rabi crops in Chandor, Niphad, and Baglan talukas. Weeding operations continue in parts of Yeola talukas. Standing crops in good condition except in Malegaon and Yeola talukas, where they are suffering for want of rain. Fodder supply fair, green grass being available in sufficient quantities in all talukas. Condition of cattle improving. Price of rice at Nasik 7 seers 40 tolas, of wheat 7 seers 56 tolas, of bajri 8 seers 33 tolas, and of nagli 9 seers 62 tolas per rupee. Price of grass at Nasik Re. 1 per 100 sheaves.

Ahmednagar.—Rain during week 4 cents at Ahmednagar, in the district maximum 31 cents at Akola, minimum 3 cents at Rahuri; for season 14 inches 10 cents at Ahmednagar, in the district maximum 18 inches 52 cents at Parner, minimum 9 inches 77 cents at Sangamner. Mug crops affected by insects in parts of Parner, Shrigonda and Karjat talukas. Bajri crops withering for want of sufficient rain in Rahuri, Shevgaon and Kopargaon talukas. Condition of cattle and fodder supply good. Actual prices of food-grains at Nagar stationary. Price of karbi 44 seers per rupee.

Sholapur—(For week ending 1st September 1900).—Rain during week 18 cents at Madha, 10 cents at Pandharpur, 0 cents at Sangola, 31 cents at Malsiras, none elsewhere for season 11 inches 79 cents at Sholapur, in the district maximum 15 inches 33 cents at Barsi, minimum 7 inches 9 cents at Malsiras. More rain wanted throughout the district. Kharif crops in good condition except in some places where they are withering. Lands being prepared for rabi cultivation. Green grass plentiful. Cattle in good condition. Price of jowari slightly risen at Barsi and steady elsewhere. Price of wheat 7 seers 15 chataks, of rice 9 seers 12 chataks, of jowari 10 seers 4 chataks, and of bajri 8 seers 15 chataks per rupee. Price of karbi Re. 1 per 100 bundles.

Satara.—Rain during week in nine talukas, maximum 64 cents, minimum 2 cents. Kharif crops in good condition. More rain wanted in Khatav taluka. Grain supply sufficient. Fodder and water sufficient. Prices of foodgrains fallen in Satara, Javli, Khanapur and Patan talukas and stationary elsewhere. Prices of jowari and bajri at Satara 18 lbs. 2 tolas each, and of karbi 50 lbs. per rupee.

Bijapur.—Rain during week 54 cents at Bagalkot, 15 cents at Hungund, 13 cents at Sindgi, 4 cents at Bagevadi, 8 cents at Indi, none elsewhere; for season 9 inches at Bijapur, in the district maximum 11 inches 46 cents at Bagevadi, minimum 5 inches 47 cents at Hungund; Heavy rain badly wanted for cotton and rabi sowings. Standing crops withering in some places. Fodder supply sufficient. Agricultural stock healthy. Average price of jowari 11 seers 6 chataks, of bajri 9 seers 12 chataks, of wheat 8 seers 7 chataks, of gram 8 seers 9 chataks, of tur dal 7 seers 11 chataks, of rice 8 seers 9 chataks, and of fodder 183 lbs. per rupee.

Belgaum.—Rain during week 1 inch 21 cents at Chandgad and below 1 inch elsewhere. More rain wanted in Athni, Gokak, and Parasgad talukas. Standing crops in good condition. Cotton sowing in progress in Parasgad and Gokak talukas and retarded in Athni taluka for want of sufficient rain. Tobacco sowing commenced in Chikodi taluka. Prices of food-grains and fodder stationary.

Dharwar.—Rain during week at eleven stations, ranging from 1 inch 54 cents at Nargund to 10 cents at Mundargi, none at Navalgund and Bankapur. Sowing of cotton generally in progress except in black soil talukas, where it is retarded for want of sufficient moisture. Standing crops in good condition except in hard soil of Navalgund, Gadag and Ron talukas and Mundargi and Nargund pethas, where they are withering for want of heavy showers. More rain urgently needed for rice crops in Hubli and Kalghatgi talukas. Water supply deficient at one station and fodder supply at three stations. Condition of cattle good. Prices of staple food-grains and karbi almost stationary except that of jowari, which has risen to 10 seers 6 chataks per rupee.

Kanara.—Rain during week, maximum 6 inches 74 cents at Honawar, minimum 63 cents at Haliyal. Crops in good condition. Condition of agricultural stock fair. Fodder supply sufficient. Price of rice at Karwar 17 and of ragi 20 lbs. per rupee. Price of dry grass 12 annas per maund.

Rajkot.—Rain during week 43 cents and for season 36 inches 84 cents. Weather cloudy. Sowing operations of early crops completed in many places. Condition of cattle improving. Average price of wheat 7 seers 50 tolas, of bajri 7 seers 21 tolas, of jowari 8 seers 33 tolas, and of gram 8 seers 8 tolas per rupee. Price of fodder falling.

Wadhwan.—Weather cloudy and warm. Price of bajri 8 and of jowari 9 lbs. per rupee.

Baroda.—Rain during week 22 cents and for season 24 inches 28 cents. Sowing operations continue in parts of Baroda territory. Cotton being resown in Kamrej mahal. Young crops in good condition. Sufficient green grass available. Condition of cattle improving. Price of bajri 15, of jowari 15, of wheat 18, of rice superior 13, and of rice inferior 17 lbs. per rupee.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

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CIVIL APPOINTMENTS, &c.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

H M's Secy of State for India has allowed Lieut Col F W Snell Administrator of the Porbandar State an extension for ten days of the furlough granted to him dated the 28th Sept and has permitted him to return to duty within the period of his leave.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Furlough for six months on urgent private affairs is granted to the Hon Mr Justice E M H Fulton I C S Judge of H M's High Court of Judicature Bombay with effect from the 15th Sept.

The Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Sir Jehangir Cowasjee Jahangir Knight to be a Delegate to aid in the adjudication of cases arising within the local limits of the Parsi Chief Matrimonial Court at Bombay in the room of Khan Bahadur Byramji Dadabhoy resigned.

Mr Sorabji Padamji Pestonji Asst Judge and Sessions Judge Satara is as a temporary measure and pending further orders appointed in addition to his own duties an Additional Sessions Judge in the Satara Sessions Division to exercise jurisdiction in the Satara Court of Session and to try all cases committed and hear all appeals presented to the Court of Session.

Rao Bahadur V D Yennimadi Dist Depy Collr and Magte of the first class in the district of Dharwar is invested with additional power.

The Governor in Council is pleased to invest Mr F K Boyd I C S Asst Collr and Magte of the first class in the district of Belgaum with additional powers specified.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to confirm the appointment made by the Hon the Chief Justice of H M's High Court of Judicature Bombay of Mr Jamsedji Jivanji Guzdar M A Barrister-at-Law to act as Master and Registrar in Equity Commissioner for taking Accounts and Taxing Officer during the absence on privilege leave of Mr A K Oliver of until further orders.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr C W M Hudson I C S Personal Asst to the Collr of Ahmednagar and Magte of the first class in that district to be an additional District Magte in the district of Ahmednagar for a period of two months with effect from the 13th Sept 1900 and to invest him with all the powers of a Dist Magte.

Rao Saheb Balwantrai Chandulal acting Mamlatdar taluka Matar in the district of Kaira is appointed to be a Magte of the second class in that district and is invested with additional powers specified.

Mr J B Alcock I C S Judge and Sessions Judge has been permitted by H M's Secy of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

The powers of a Magistrate of the first class conferred on Rao Saheb Vasudeo Ganesh Kaduskar Subordinate Judge Saundatti and any other powers since conferred upon him under the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 in the district of Belgaum being no longer required are withdrawn.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr W H Luck to act as Dist Supdt of Police, Kaira, during the absence of Mr H R Hume on leave or pending further orders.

Rao Saheb Balwant Govind Keikar, acting Mamlatdar taluka Indapur in the district of Poona is appointed to be a Magte of the second class in that district.

Mr H R Hume Dist Supdt of Police Kaira is granted furlough for one year.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr C A B Beatty Personal Asst to the Inspr Genl of Police to act

PURELY PERSONAL.

It will be the dullest season on Deeside (writes my Scottish correspondent) since the death of the Prince Consort. In spite of the fact that the prospects of good sport excel anything known for the past ten years, the great houses and the best shootings, fishings and deer forests, have fetched poor prices when they have let at all. As a rule, Deeside places let better than any in Scotland, the Queen being a gracious and friendly autumn neighbour. At Balmoral, however, this season, things are to be quiet in the extreme, and Balmoral, to some outward extent at least, sets the pace for the surrounding country. Even without the death of her second son to add to her cares this weary year, Her Majesty had decided against the holding of Braemar games. Few, indeed, of her sturdy Highlanders would have carried light hearts to the games. There are too many of their dead in South Africa for that.

The visits of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York to Deeside will, if they are not now entirely abandoned, take place under the quietest possible circumstances, and their round of sporting visits has been cancelled. The Duke and Duchess of Fife also have cancelled their invitations for house parties at Mar Lodge, where a number of Royalties were to have been among the guests.

The Duchess of Fife is never very robust, but looks stronger than usual at present, and thoroughly enjoyed her visit to Duff House, the Duke's place in Banffshire. Duff House stands in charmingly wooded grounds, through which runs the Deveron, and the sea is near at hand. The house itself sits somewhat oddly in that out-of-the-way corner of Scotland, being a faithful copy of the Villa Borghese.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife only spend three weeks every year at Duff House, but while there the young Princess Louise enters into the interests of her neighbours in a way she never attempts elsewhere. She gives entertainments to the local clerics, their wives and families, to the Sunday-school children, and the youthful secular scholars from all the villages around. She and her husband and daughters were the most delighted spectators at a school entertainment the other day, and no one laughed at or applauded the clown more heartily than the Duchess. She was dressed with rigid simplicity in black lustre, wore her hair, as the Princess of Wales always does, in a fashion of her own, and had a little cape about her shoulders. The pretty little Ladies Duff were in white dresses made much more plainly than those in which some of the scholars were garbed. They are singularly unaffected simple-mannered children.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife always entertain well and largerly at Mar Lodge, but it would not be accurate to say that they are very popular in the vicinity of their best-known seat. The Duke is not the sort of Highland laird to be hail-fellow-well-met with his tenantry and dependants, and he discouraged at the start the young Duchess's shy overtures to them. There is a Braemar story of how shortly after the marriage and home-coming of the distinguished couple, the old "hen-wife" put her house and domains in order in anticipation of a visit from her new "lady." She is still waiting for that visit.

The beautiful suite of apartments in the palace devoted to the little Prince, the obsequious servants who waited on her all seemed unreal, coming direct from wretched rooms in a poor quarter of London, but the kindness and affability of the Crown Princess soon made her feel quite at home. The Queen of Roumania, too, paid frequent visits to the nursery and finding that the nurse had on watch, gave her a very handsome one soon after her arrival. She and the Crown Princess questioned the woman about her circumstances, and arrangements were made for her child during her absence, and, although her salary was such as to enable her to pay well for the child's maintenance, the Princess sent it a quantity of clothes and the Queen also gave it a present. In fact, the poor nurse secured friends for life, as the Crown Princess, following the example of the English Royal Family never loses sight of faithful servants, and like her mother the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg, is one of the kindest and most considerate of mistresses.

The Admiral commanding the British Mediterranean Squadron some twenty years ago (writes a correspondent) gave a dinner to the captains of the fleet at Malta. By 6.45 most of the captains had reached the flagship, been received on the deck by the Admiral and ushered below. Next the Duke of Edinburgh arrived. The Admiral received him, and keeping him in conversation continued to pace the deck. All subsequent arrivals were duly ushered below to the saloon, but still the Admiral kept the Duke on deck. At last it occurred to the Duke that the dinner hour had been passed, and he ventured to inquire if his host was waiting for anybody. "Yes," replied the Admiral, I am waiting for the captain of the——. "Instantly the Duke took the hint, called for a boat, and made post-haste for his own ship. He alone among the captains of the fleet had turned up in "mufti," forgetting, or not knowing that the dinner was official. On his return to the flagship in the quickest time on record and in full uniform, the gallant but inflexible Admiral was still pacing the deck, and deprecating His Royal Highness's profuse apologies, conducted him to dinner. I belive (concludes my correspondent) the Admiral was Sir Michael Culme Seymour.

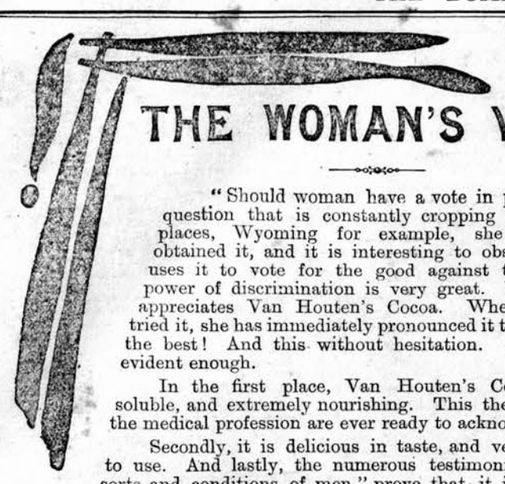
At the time of the sittings (writes "A Painter's Youngest Daughter") Lord Roberts's headquarters were at the Presidency of President Steyn, in Bloemfontein—a hopelessly vulgar building, both inside and out, filled with vulgar French statuary, with rose-bud flowered paper on the walls—everything of the anti-macassar period. Lord Roberts's own sanctum was a great bare room, except for books, with a huge desk and long windows looking out on a rather dreary garden. The first day, when the Painter was taken to see Lord Roberts by Admiral Maxse, was very different from the second day. When he arrived with his paint box tucked under his arm, he gave his card to Colonel Neville Chamberlain (then A.D.C. to Lord oberts). He had to sit for the best part of a morning in a great, cold, bleak hall with a marble floor, shivering, with nothing better to look at than an appallingly embarrassing statue of a lady in the centre of the hall.

This statue seemed more or less to demoralise everyone, and always arrested the attention of every scout and soldier that entered the hall. The Painter remembered once seeing a scout, bearing important news brought in by an officer, draw up to attention close by the statue, every nerve strained to look smart and answer well while Lord Kitchener sharply interrogated him. The poor fellow, through sheer nervousness, kept glancing up at the terrible statue. It seemed to fascinate him. The more he looked the more embarrassed he became, until he got so upset that he could scarcely utter a word. There was no end to the havoc that wretched figure wrought.

This hall was rightly called "The Hall of Idlers." for it was filled with big men, dukes, princes, and foreign attaches, all wandering about in an aimless sort of way, endeavouring to be busy, yet doing nothing. You would see one man pacing down the hall in a straight line, until he came to the middle of the room, by the statue, when he would glance hastily up at it, swerve round on his heel, and alter his course. But after a time one realised that all this idleness could not be put down to the statue alone, but was really because these good gentlemen had nothing to do, except perhaps to look decorative. When Colonel Neville Chamberlain came in, everything was smoothed away, no bustle, no red tape, everything was made so easy; but it was these gentlemen in the ante-room that were so depressing.

And every day the Painter had to come and face the statue and the decorative officers for some hours, but after a time he got used to it and used purposely to choose the 'hall of idlers' to wa t in and study their very sunny eccentricitie . Suddenly you would see a man, perhaps a prince, perhaps a peer, rush, almost run, in his excitement of inspiration to a writing-desk, whisk out a quill pen (the idle ones were always fond of quills), dip it vigorously in the ink two or three times and then begin to bite the end of it thoughtfully. After a time he would look round in a vacant way, put the pen down and stroll of. Two or three men in a morning would go through this queer pantomime.

What a difference when one was taken rom this room full of idle people into Lord Roberts room! What a contrast? Here every thing and everybody was in one whirl of business; no pretence, no outward show no decoration, no sword even, the only thing, in fact, that Lord Roberts seemed to have in common with his staff officers was his complexion, which was as fair and clear as a baby's. There was that little man, simple as a child, working for dear life, economising every moment, and yet he found time to say charming things to the Painter to make him feel at home. The Painter sat sketching the Commander-in-Chief, while he interviewed scouts and officers. Now and then Lord Kitchener would drift in and out—everyone seemed to h v caught the fever for work fro m their chief. A pity that it did not filter through to the hall of idlers next door, to the staff officers—and the statue!



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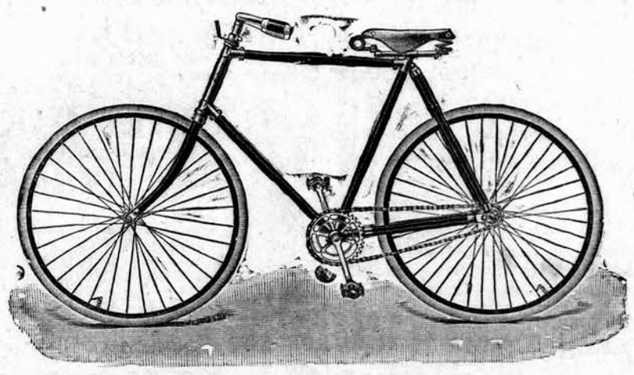

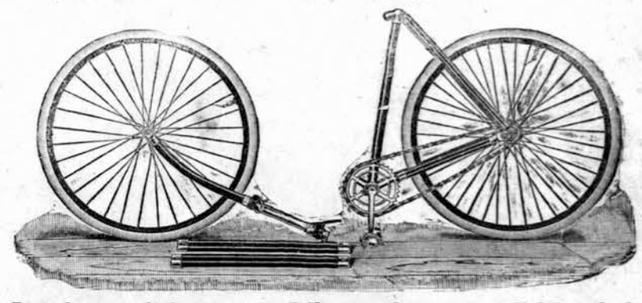

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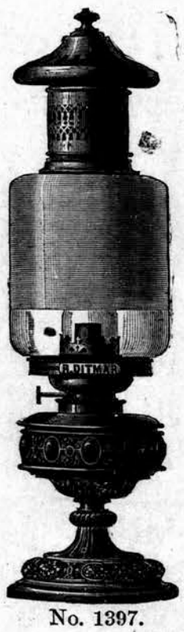

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